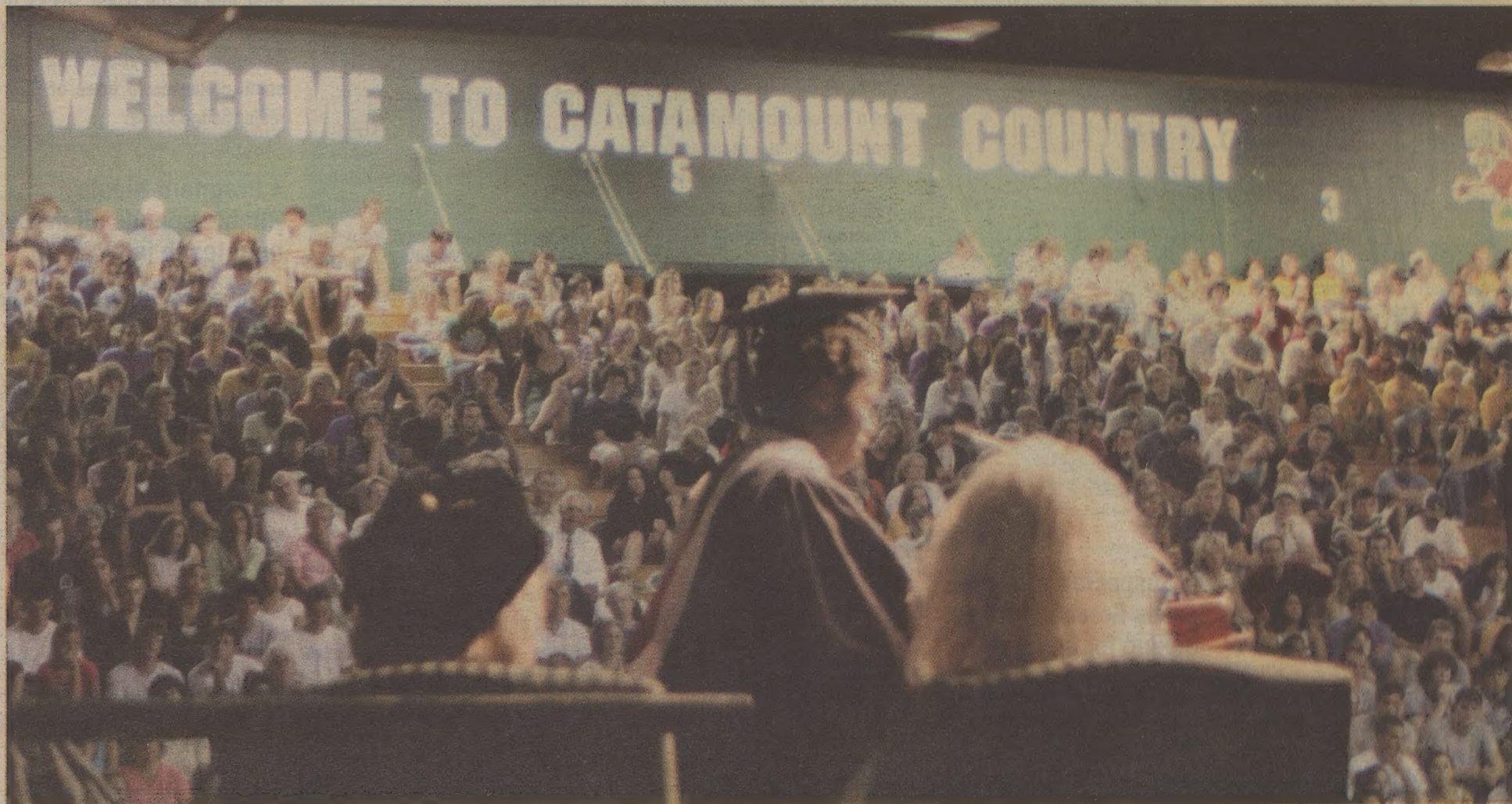


## Class of 2011 has arrived



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

The UVM community gathered Sunday evening in the Patrick Gym to welcome the class of 2011 and to celebrate the work of Ishmael Baeh, author of "A Long Way Gone." Students then proceeded to the main green where they were initiated into the UVM community in a candlelight vigil.

## Davis Center opens to fanfare

**UVM unveils long-awaited Dudley H. Davis Center to large crowds on Sunday night**

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY  
Senior Staff Writer

While the fire alarm at the Dudley Davis Center is occasionally still going off, dozens of offices, businesses and hang out areas are now open for business.

Though construction at the Davis Center is still a work in progress, clubs, businesses and restaurants are ready to open upon student arrival. The Davis Center, which students got their first taste of when they sold back their used textbooks in May, is now home to a multitude of facilities.

"Club members moved their offices from Billings and are enjoying their new spaces," SGA President Kesha

Ram said.

"The best thing about the building is that so many departments are all clustered together so we can all communicate all the time," Ram said.

"Everyone is sort of amazed and blown away, even before they have a chance to buy any of the food products," said Patrick Brown, Director of Student Life and the Davis Center.

According to an online poll, 53 percent of students are most excited about the new food options.

New campus food will include local favorites such as Ben and Jerry's and New World Tortilla. Additional places to eat include Brennan's, a new pub and bistro and The Commons Marketplace, which will serve a variety of food ranging from Sushi to Indian.

"There are absolutely no chains in the building," Ram said, "they made a great effort to get community groups."

A new shop called "Growing Vermont" is a student-run

business in the Davis Center that only sells local and socially conscious products.

Michael Moser, the faculty member who is overseeing the project, told the *Burlington Free Press* that, "the message is when you keep money cycling in small communities

mental footprint including use of local materials, recycled materials, urinals that use less water, automatic lights, a green roof that helps insulate the building and a radiant heat system that prevents usage of salt to melt ice.

In addition, "each floor of



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Parents drop off their first years for their pre-orientation outdoor adventures.

instead of shipping it out of state, you're supporting your neighbor."

According to their Web site, the Dudley H. Davis Center includes a wide range of methods to reduce UVM's environ-

the Davis Center also has one gender-neutral shower to reduce environmental impact. Students or employees can choose to ride their bikes to the Davis Center, for example, rather than driving and

can shower there rather than showering at home," Brown said.

Each environmentally friendly objective and measure added to the Davis Center earns points towards Leadership in Energy and Environmentally Design (LEED). According to the Davis Center Web site, "the Davis Center will be the first silver-rated LEED-certified student center in the U.S."

While the Davis Center opens for business, the old student center, Billings, will be transformed as well. Though nothing is definite yet, many changes are being discussed.

The third floor may be used for public events, North Lounge may possibly become a special collections area for the library, above North Lounge will potentially become an area for Holocaust Studies and Cook Commons will become an "all you can eat" dining facility such as Simpson or Harris Millis, according to Brown.

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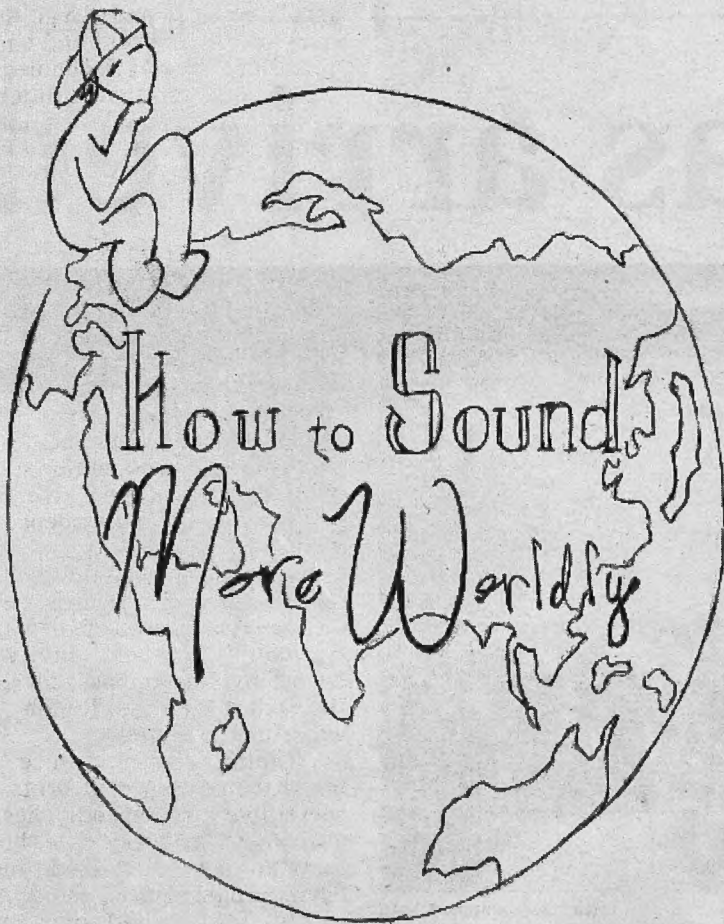


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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



• **Seventeen-year-old cracks secrets of the iPhone**

George Hotz, a 17 year-old from New Jersey, broke the electronic lock on the iPhone that enables it to be only used on the AT&T network. This discovery enables users on networks, such as Verizon, to use the iPhone on their network.

• **Suspected arson leaves Greece in ashes, looking for answers**

Half of Greece is in flames as the country attempts to save the temple of Apollo from wildfires. Fifty-eight people have died so far, and the government is searching for the arsonist responsible, with a 500,000 Euro reward for anyone with information.

• **Bush plan revealed for dealing with dissent**

According to the Washington Post, a Bush administration memo came out last week with their plan for dealing with protestors around President Bush. The memo lays out plans for advance teams to set up corrals for protestors out of the sight of the presidential motorcade. It also dictates the need for specially appointed rally teams composed of volunteers to shout down any protestors in the event. The plan aims to keep any dissenting viewpoints away from the president.

• **Midwest suffers severe damage**

The Midwest sustained severe damage after torrential rain swept through the region. The governor of Illinois declared Cook County, the county that contains Chicago, among the counties that were disaster areas. Tornadoes and rain went through the region on Thursday, with flooding crippling areas in the Chicago area, and in Michigan and Wisconsin.

• **Child killer sentenced to death**

John Couey was sentenced to death in Florida last week for the rape and murder of Jessica Lunsford, a 9-year-old girl. Couey was found guilty in March of the murder.

• **Vick's career goes to the dogs after being suspended indefinitely**

Michael Vick, the Atlanta Falcons quarterback, was suspended indefinitely without pay from the NFL after admitting to organizing dogfighting contests and killing some dogs that he did not deem worthy of fighting. Vick is likely to face one to five years in prison.

• **Justice is served for ancient Klan member**

James Ford Seale, a 70-year-old member of the Klu Klux Klan from Jackson Mississippi was sentenced to three life terms in prison for the 1964 murders of Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dee. The victims were both 19 years old. The judge presiding over the trial told reporters that "justice was timeless."

• **Wall Street recovers after tremendous losses**

Wall Street completed its calmest week in a month last week. Stocks surged on Friday after better than expected home sales for July came out. The week comes after one of the worst weeks in memory, with Wall Street giant Goldman Sachs suffering through small collapses in three of their major hedge funds.

• **Pregnant Nicole Ritchie spends all of 82 minutes in jail**

Nicole Ritchie was released from jail last week after spending 82 minutes—out of a four day sentence—while in jail. Ritchie was sentenced to four days for driving under the intoxication of drugs. Ritchie did not make it to her jail cell, but spent all of her sentence in booking. According to the warden, she was treated like any other prisoner.

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# Renowned Holocaust scholar dies at 81

By ALISON STOUT

Senior Staff Writer

Raul Hilberg, professor emeritus at UVM and leading Holocaust scholar, died on Aug. 4 in Williston, Vt. at age 81.

Hilberg died of a recurrence of lung cancer, though he was never a smoker.

Hilberg was born in Vienna, Austria in 1926, and was forced to move to Cuba and then to United States in 1939 with his family at age 13.

He was drafted into the 45th Infantry Division during World War II, but was quickly assigned to the War Documentation Department, with which he was able to do research throughout Europe.

It was through this research that he developed a strong interest in the Holocaust.

After receiving his B.A. in 1948 from Brooklyn College, Hilberg went on to get his M.A. in 1950 from Columbia University and his PhD in 1955, also from Columbia.

Hilberg began teaching at UVM in 1956, and retired in 1991.

"I consider it a privilege and a great honor to be at the University that was graced for virtually his entire career by the teaching and scholarship of the most influential and important authority on what state-sponsored genocide entails in a modern industrial nation," President Daniel Fogel said.

Hilberg's 700-page book



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Flags during April's Holocaust remembrance a movement Raul Hilberg played an integral part in.

"The Destruction of the European Jews" was originally published, with great difficulty, in small numbers in 1961, but was revised and expanded in 1985 to a three volume, 1,273-page book.

The book was very controversial and took an original

approach to how it addressed the Holocaust. In the book Hilberg estimates the number of Jews killed in the genocide to be closer to 5.1 million, not the more widely believed number of 6 million.

He also states that the Jews were too passive in their reac-

tion to the genocide.

Christopher Browning stated in "The Revised Hilberg" that, "if one measure of a book's greatness is its impact, a second is its longevity. For 25 years 'The Destruction of the European Jews' has been recognized as the unsurpassed

work in its field."

Professor Hilberg "put together, as no one else has, the story of the intricate and vast bureaucratic and technological machinery that brought an enormous population into complicity with the industrial process of murdering millions of their fellow humans," Fogel said.

In addition to "The Destruction of the European Jews," Hilberg wrote "Perpetrators Victims Bystanders," "The Politics of Memory" and "Sources of Holocaust Research."

Hilberg taught in the political science department at UVM, and played a major role in the creation of the University's Holocaust Studies department.

Hilberg has been the recipient of numerous awards, and was recently awarded with Germany's highest civilian award by the ambassador of the Federal German Republic, according to Fogel.

"On the occasion of receiving that last award ... Professor Hilberg remarked 'These awards are all very nice, but they do not bring back the dead,'" Fogel said.

He was elected into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a national honor society, in April of 2005.

Hilberg leaves behind his wife, Gwendolyn Montgomery and two children from a previous marriage, David and Deborah.

## Community mourns death of UVM's Cameron Buchanan

Nineteen-year-old sophomore perishes in offroading Jeep accident in NY

By ALISON STOUT

Senior Staff Writer

Student Cameron Buchanan, 19, died in an off-roading accident on Saturday, July 21. Buchanan was a member of the UVM class of 2010, and of the Honeoye Falls-Lima High School class of 2006.

According to reports, Buchanan was riding in a Jeep with three friends in a Mendon, NY development when the car flipped after driving up a steep dirt mound. Officials believe the students were unaware that there was nothing on the other side. The accident occurred at 11:33 p.m.

Buchanan was flown to Strong Memorial Hospital by Mercy Flight where he was pronounced dead.

His friends, two boys and a girl, received only minor injuries.

This is the second tragic death for the Buchanan family in recent years. Cameron's older brother, Brandon, was killed at the age of 24 in New York on September 11, 2001. Brandon, who graduated from UVM in 1999, worked for the Wall Street firm Cantor Fitzgerald in the World Trade Center.

"The double tragedy of having now lost two fine young brothers makes this death in the UVM family almost unbearably poignant," President Daniel Fogel said.

The memorial group on Facebook dedicated to Buchanan, "In Loving Memory of Cameron," has well over 1,000 members. Friends and family have left memories and messages for Buchanan.

He enjoyed playing the guitar and skateboarding, and gave great bear hugs, according to his friend and hall-mate, Tim Moss.

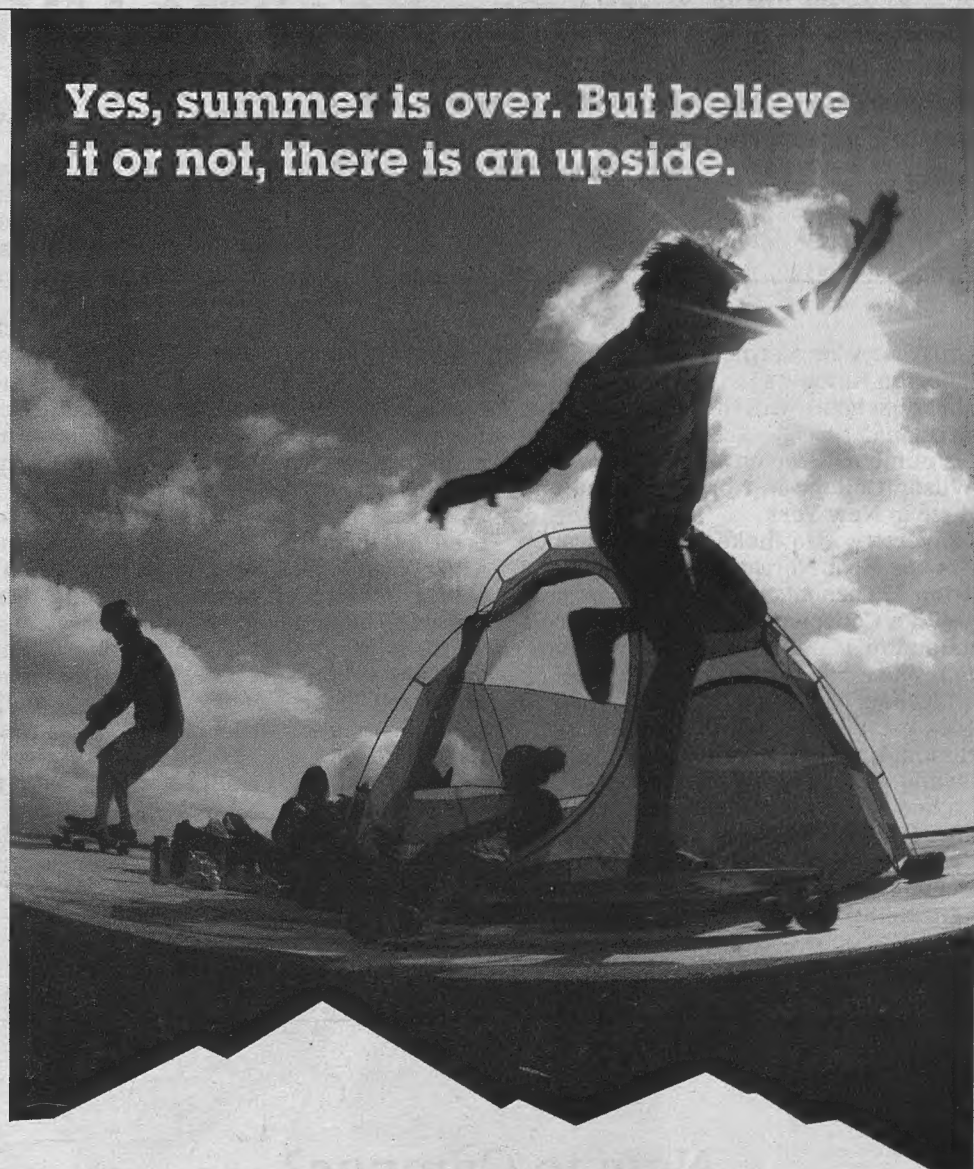
"I have never met a person who didn't get along with him," Moss said. "As devastated as we are that our great friend has gone to rest, we can't stop smiling at the good times and memories we had with him."

"We all suffer a grievous loss when we lose a student, and Cameron Buchanan's death touched us very deeply. Our hearts go out to his family," Fogel said.

The night after Buchanan's death over 200 people gathered in Honeoye Falls for a candlelight vigil.

A memorial was held for Buchanan on Saturday, July 28 at his family's house in Mendon, and was attended by many from across the country.

"We will never forget the happy, funny, silly, hardworking best friend of ours," Moss said. "We will always love him and our memories will never fade."



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# Mayor keeps lights out on Burlington



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Freshman walk home from the candlelight vigil through Burlington's dark streets.

## SGA initiates plan for increased lighting of key downtown streets for additional safety for students and community members

By MIKE HAULENBEEK

Senior Staff Writer

Representatives from the University of Vermont's Student Government Association have joined with the City of Burlington in an effort to brighten dark streets throughout the city.

The downtown pedestrian lighting plan was set in motion by SGA last spring, when it passed a resolution calling for increased lighting in areas frequented by University students.

In response to calls for action by SGA members, Burlington City Council passed its own legislation aiming to create "a safe, effective, environmentally sensitive lighting plan for the exit pathways of downtown."

"Increased lighting is a documented deterrent to crime, would encourage people to walk rather than drive downtown, and would aid in the dispersal of late-night downtown crowds," the Council's resolution said.

City Council's resolution

also requested a response, to include a documented timetable for the lighting plan's implementation, from Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss.

Mayor Kiss's June 9 memo in response to City Council included no timeline and instead recommended, "working towards a safer downtown and city in ways that do not involve lighting."

"The Mayor's memo fell gravely short of the needs that we are looking for," said Scott McCarty, chair of SGA's Committee on Legislative Action said. "In the past, the mayor has been a strong proponent of reducing light pollution," McCarty said, "which is likely the reason he is not fully supporting the new plan."

McCarty said that he, other members of the Committee on Legislative Action and SGA senator and Student Action committee chairman Jay Taylor will continue to seek the mayor's support by identifying specific places in need of additional lighting around the city, and will report to City Council with their findings by October.

"We are doing the heavy lifting for the mayor and the City Council," McCarty said. "I would find it hard to believe if [the Mayor] continued to do nothing on this important issue," McCarty said he hopes to find common ground with the mayor.

City Council, in addition to passing new legislation, added a seat for student representation on the City's outdoor lighting committee — the group in charge of city lighting issues, McCarty said. Taylor will serve on the committee.

The committee is comprised of a broad range of representatives from both city departments and outside institutions, Mayor Kiss said. Some groups represented include the Burlington Police Department, the Burlington Planning and Zoning Commissions Burlington Electric Department, and the Vermont Astrological Association.

"I expect that this committee will be able to meet the goals expressed in the Council's resolution and develop an appropriate lighting plan," Mayor Kiss said. The Mayor did not mention implementation.

McCarty said he is not sure whether or not these new lighting initiatives would be taking place had it not been for the kidnapping of Michelle Gardner-Quinn on Main Street last year.

"We can make improvements on this and we can keep students safe," McCarty said. He said he hopes that, if a new lighting plan is implemented, it could prevent a similar tragedy from occurring again.

## Reefer Madness back at UVM

### Princeton Review grants UVM marks in its annual college rankings

By ALISON STOUT

Senior Staff Writer

The University of Vermont is back again on the Princeton Review's list for Reefer Madness, the list of schools with the most prevalent use of marijuana.

UVM is number three on the list, following Warren Wilson College in North Carolina and Bard College in New York.

The University also makes an appearance on the lists for Best Northeastern Colleges, a list of the top 222 schools in the Northeast, and Colleges with a Conscience, "81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement," according to the Princeton Review Web site.

UVM, however, does not rank in the top 20 on any other party school lists.

The rankings were compiled after reviewing thousands of student surveys from hundreds of schools across the country, according to Princeton Review.

Students reported to College Prowler, a college guidebook for prospective students that "continually aims to be the most accurate, complete and honest."

Students reported that at UVM, "there is

pot just about everywhere."

"It's Vermont, what do you expect? Reefer madness. Vermont is notorious for 'good' marijuana," one student on College Prowler said.

Another contributor said, "I heard that the administration is trying to crack down on the pot smoking, but I would say that it's easier to get drugs than to get alcohol if you're under 21."

Professor Andrew Golub, who teaches a Drugs and Society course at UVM, is "not surprised ... UVM, Vermont, Burlington, they all have this reputation as a long standing center for marijuana use ... This association is memorialized down on Church Street with the tied 'Groovy UVM' t-shirts."

"There is an effort to have UVM be considered a serious academic institution, and not a party and drug country club," Golub said. "UVM is cracking down on students who are known to be involved with drug use."

Golub said that he thinks marijuana use at UVM is actually decreasing, but that the increased efforts of the University police to catch drug users makes it seem that use is on the rise.

"The ranking is a bold statistic that upholds the reputation that UVM has had for many years. The marijuana scene helps them attract thousands of applicants every year, so how can it be a bad thing?" sophomore Maria Tiberii said.



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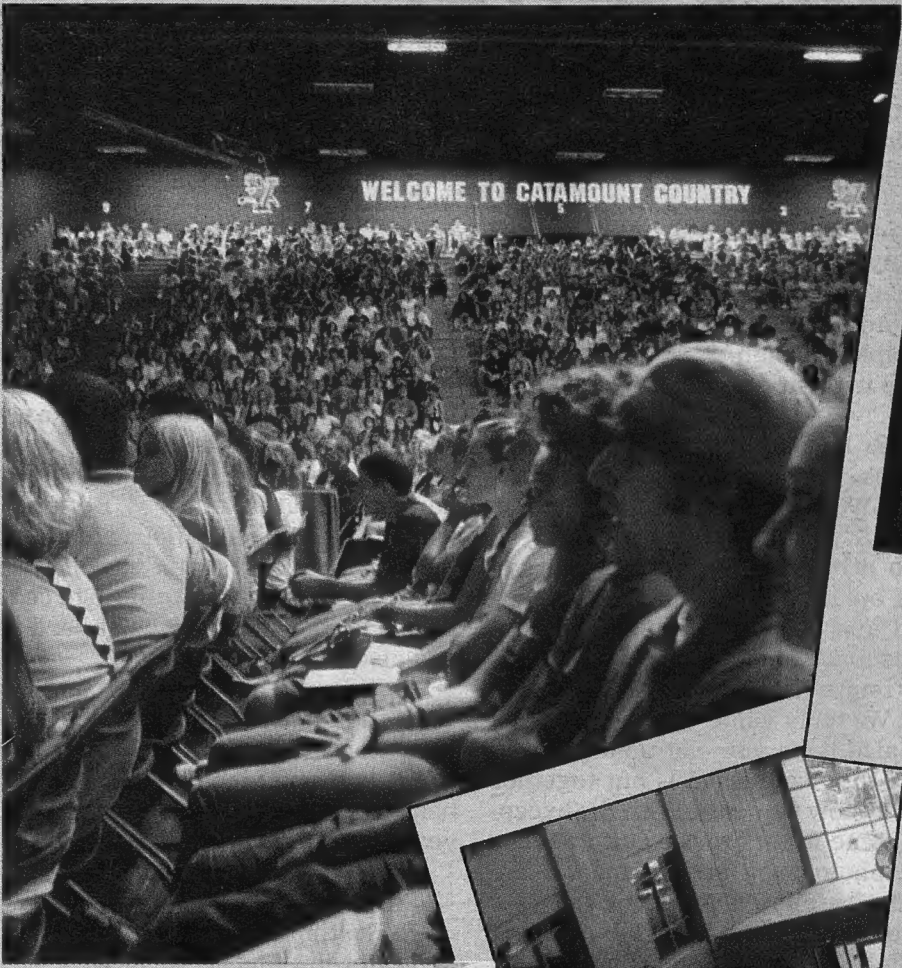
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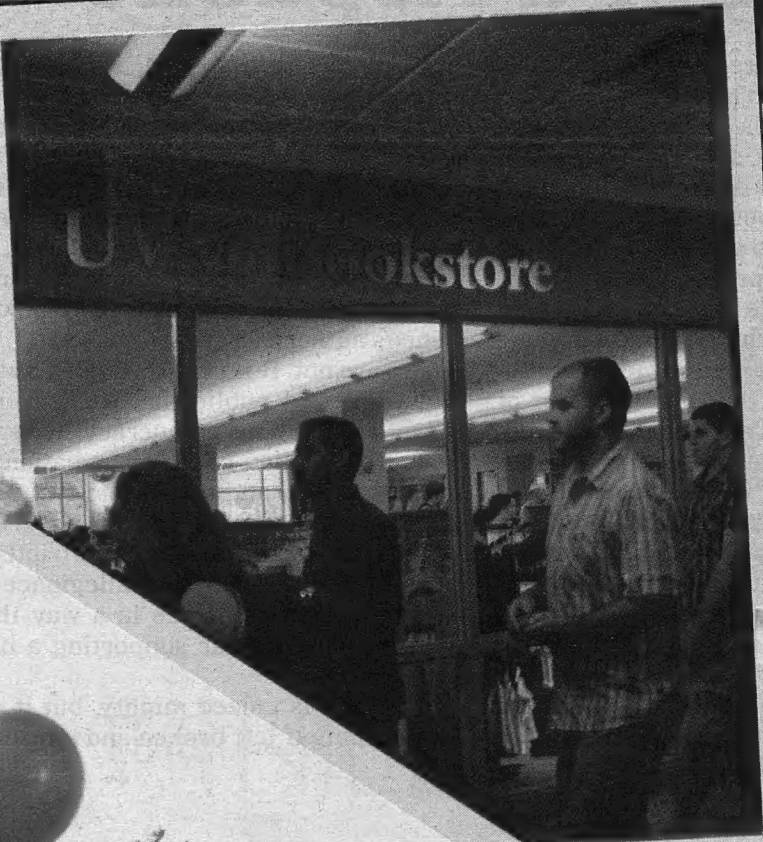




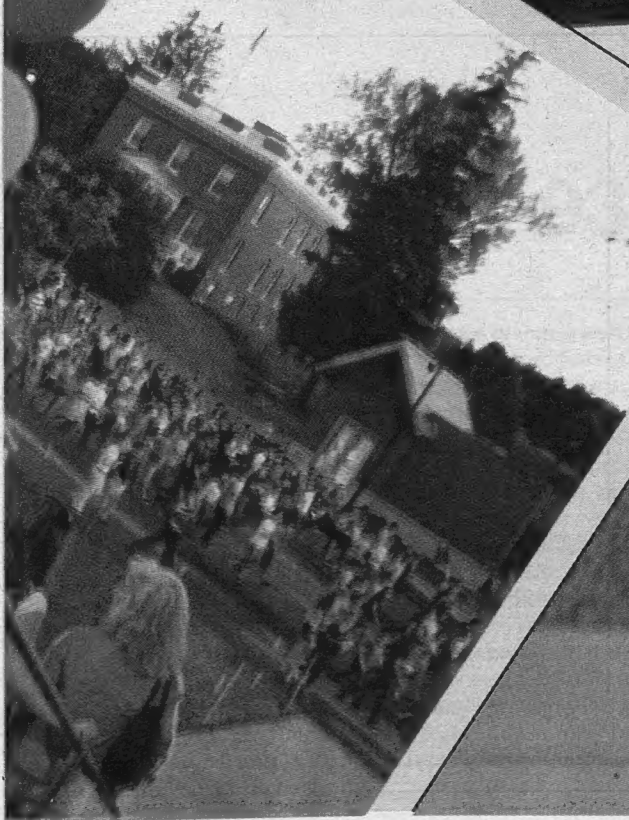
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Excerpt from a  
leaked White  
House manual on  
dealing with pro-  
testors.

# Editor's letter

To those of you new to UVM: wel-  
come! To those who are returning for  
another year: welcome back!

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After we get a little further into the  
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endar of events, the arts and entertain-  
ment section, the life and style section

as well as an in-depth feature story.

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In this week's issue you can find  
news about the Davis Center, convoca-  
tion, world news highlights from the  
summer, an annotated campus map,  
columns, music and movie reviews, a  
crossword and sudoku puzzles as well  
as sports news and opinion.

So please, by all means, enjoy this  
edition and future editions. Be sure that  
we will be looking to improve our jour-  
nalism and our presentation every week.  
And, as always, don't hesitate to contact  
us or join the staff — it's not hard at all  
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## The Swan Song of a Republic

Our country, but its  
establishment most  
significantly and pro-  
foundly, has been in-  
flicted with a stubborn  
and unfortunate refus-  
al to accept ideas which  
come from outside of the mainstream.

Many such ideas are not radical, or  
even new, but merely do not come from  
the mouths of the right people.

Overly cautious politicians, whose  
allegiances lie more greatly to power  
and party than country, have shied away  
from articulating complex and interest-  
ing ideas in favor of those which are  
most readily manipulated by rhetoric.  
And unfortunately this has proved the  
tactic best suited for continuous reelec-  
tions.

These are the Hillary Clintons, the  
Barak Obamas and the Rudy Giuliani's  
of our nation, the seemingly unstop-  
pable political juggernauts who have  
captured the power to dictate the course



of debate for themselves.

This I believe to be of greater threat  
than any other. The massive oversim-  
plifications of any successful, modern  
political campaign do not translate well  
into decisions of policy and often repel  
voters delving into and scrutinizing the  
actions of their representatives.

As a result, the task of politicking  
has become something more of a game  
than an nation-improving endeavor.

It is accepted that manipulation of  
legal peculiarities and the public's gen-  
eral lack of knowledge of such matters  
is somehow OK. It is accepted that poli-  
ticians will use effectively meaningless  
jargon to smear one another. It is ac-  
cepted that dialogue between major ri-  
vals is to be hollow and focused around  
only the few issues of the candidates'  
choosing.

And there may be no way to put an  
end to this without us having to endure  
major and unsettling events. How are  
we to otherwise cut through the dense

web of corruption and self-interest  
spun by our representatives?

It is in the hands of the dishonest  
and greedy that the power to create vi-  
tal and substantial changes lies. Are we  
to expect a culture of altruism to spon-  
taneously flourish upon Capitol Hill, in  
which those governing our nation sud-  
denly decide to relinquish their moun-  
tainous authority?

We are not. It is only through a lively  
and energized public that we may re-  
fresh our flagging democracy. It is up  
to us, the civilian base of our nation to  
discuss, to yell and scream, to feel pas-  
sionately about the course of our great  
country. It is time for a new patriotism  
to arise, one which means allegiance to  
a country and its people in a way that  
does not require our supporting a bad  
government.

The pen is indeed mighty, but it of-  
fers nothing if left broken and unused.

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# Campus Guide

## A Marauder's

Over the last few years, UVM's campus has undergone significant changes, enough so that even upperclassmen have been struggling to get to places on campus. Fret not Catamounts new and old. *The Cynic* has put together a guide to point you in the right direction.

With this map we give you the keys to the kingdom: where to find your classes, where to get a bite to eat, where to catch a game, where to study. Pull it out and take it around campus with you, post it on your wall, or commit it to memory. It's here for you.

### Votey, Perkins, Angell & Cook

Housing the main classrooms and laboratories for the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, these four buildings make up the heart of Central Campus.

Votey and Cook have floors of labs, while Angell is full of lecture halls and Perkins is home to smaller classrooms.

### Billings & Ira Allen

The old student center is now in the process of a transformation after the opening of the Davis Center. What was once Cook Commons is now a full service all-you-can-eat dinning center.

Attached to Billings is Ira Allen Chapel, which no longer houses religious services but is still a site for large meetings and special events.

### Health Center

Whether seeking treatment for an injury, trying to get some relief from allergies or treatment for the common cold, the health center is for you.

Located on Pearl Street and keeping daily open hours plus 24-hour access to a clinician via telephone, there is always someone to help out.

### Waterman

Located on South Prospect street, across the Main Green from Central Campus, Waterman contains the offices of President Fogel, Student Financial Services and the Registrar all on the third (main) floor.

Much of the rest of the building is dedicated to classes ranging from foreign language to anthropology. The Print and Mail Center is located on the bottom floor, as is a general purpose computer lab.

Waterman is also home to the Manor, a formal dining option on the top floor. But for those who prefer something a little simpler there is the Waterman Café, which caters to the inbetween class crowd.

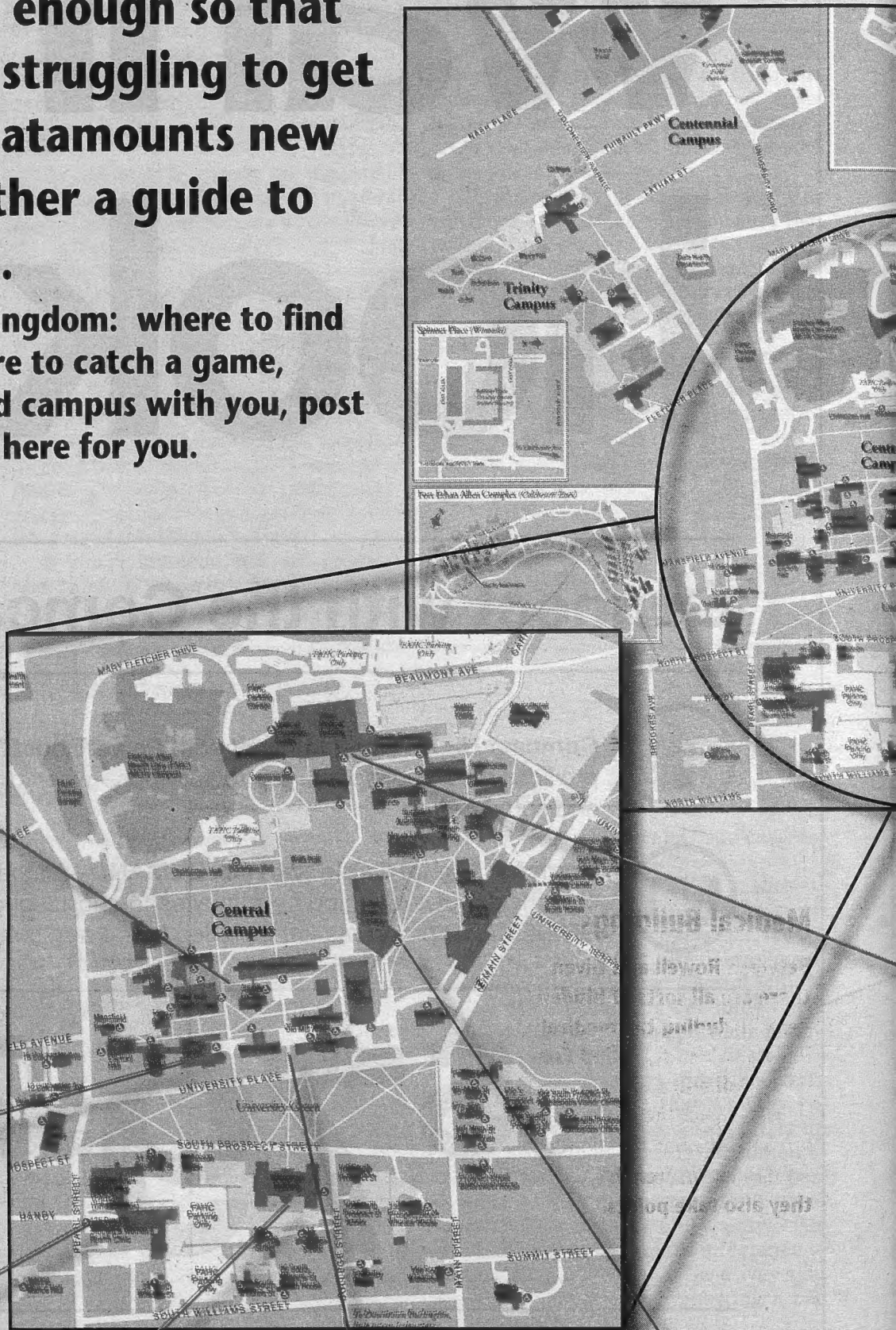
### Bailey/Howe Library

Odds are you will get to know this spot well. Each floor offers increasing levels of solitude, ranging from the social main floor to the asocial top floor. The library also has an extensive collection of videos at the media resources desk on the bottom floor, with rentals being free with your student ID.

### Old Mill Annex, Lafayette and Williams

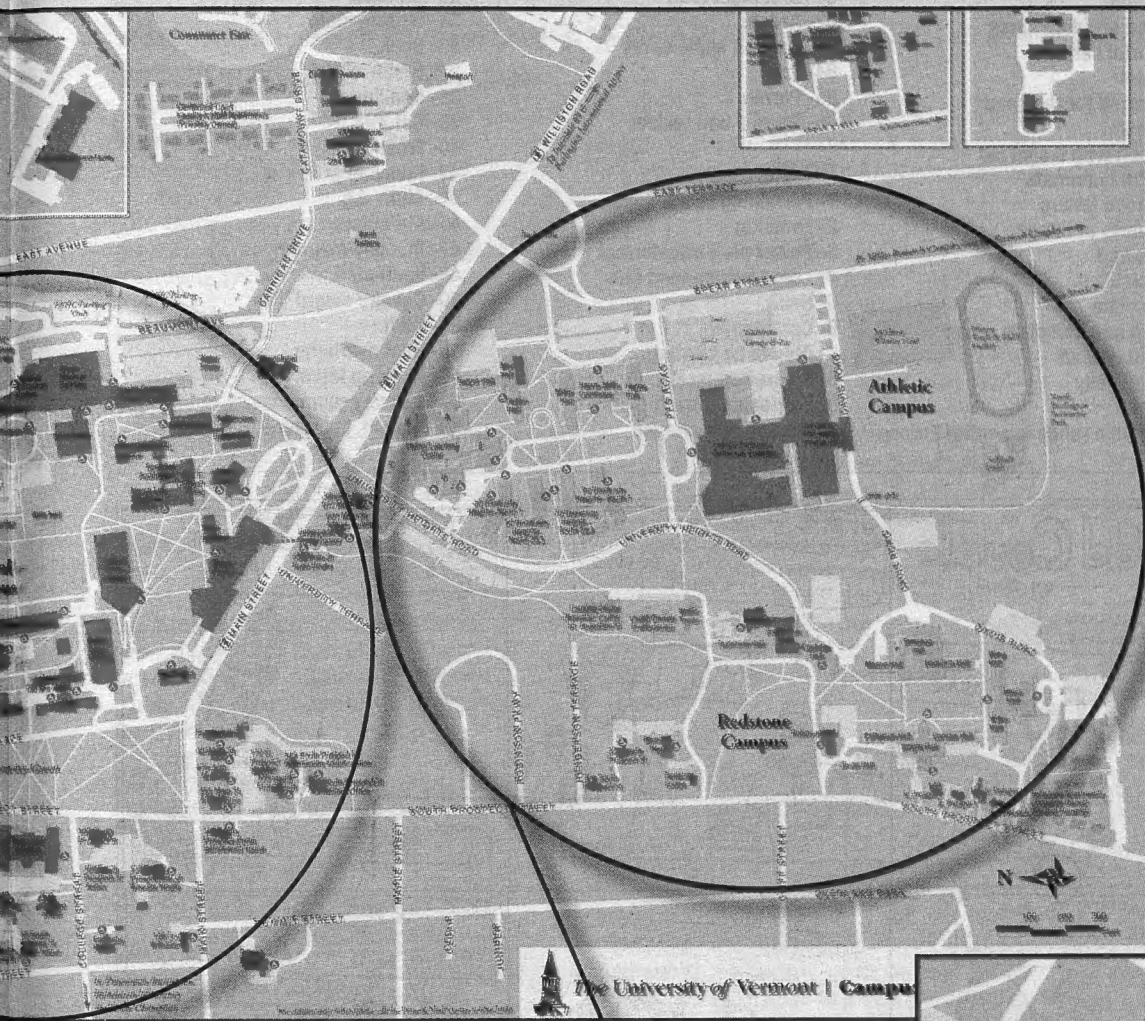
Full of classrooms and some departmental offices.

Williams is filled with constantly changing student art displays. Old Mill has endless hidden rooms that always take a long time to find, while Lafayette is just loaded with classrooms.





# Map of UVM



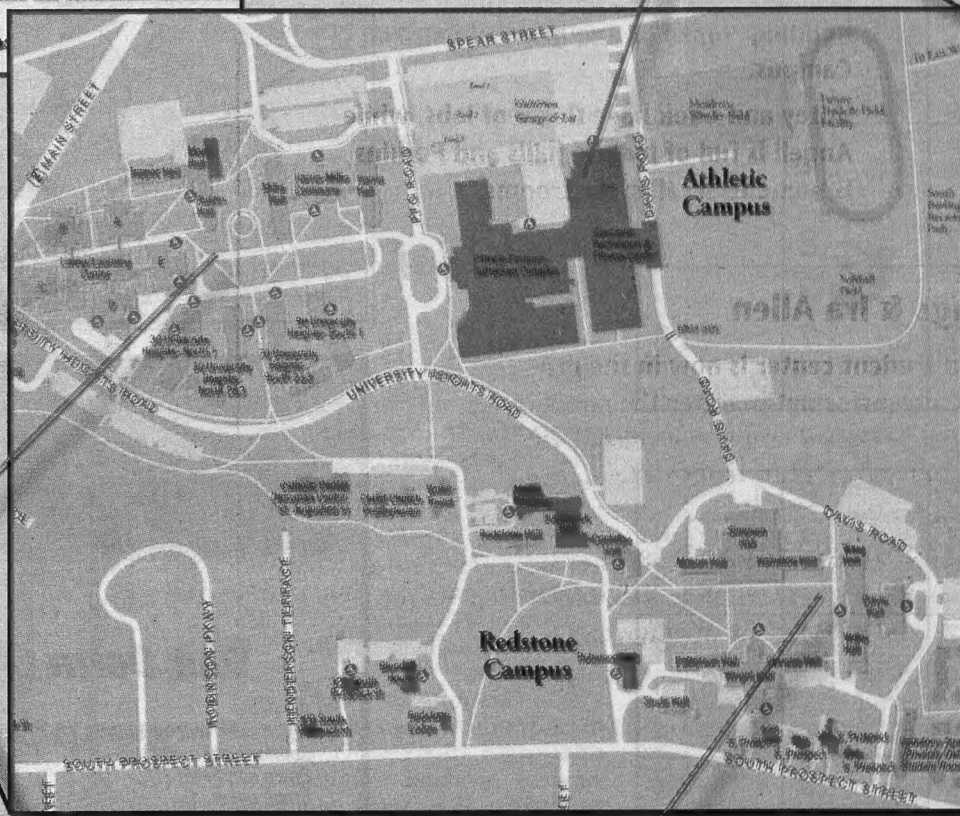
## Athletic Complex

Come out and support the hockey and basketball Cats in Patrick Gym and the 'Gut'.

In addition, the complex houses the Gucciardi Recreation and Fitness Center where students and community members come to work out and stay in shape. There are also basketball and tennis courts, a swimming pool and an ice rink.

## Medical Buildings

Between Rowell and Given there are all sorts of hidden gems including the medical library, which is behind Converse Hall and a great place to study, and the Atrium in Rowell, which is known for its salad bar and french fries and they also take points.



## Athletic Campus

This might be the most bustling area of campus. Residential complexes include the University Heights complex (home to the Honors College), Harris-Millis, Marsh-Austin-Tupper (MAT) and the Living and Learning Center (L/L).

Dining options on Athletic Campus include the Harris-Millis all-you-can-eat facility, the University Marché and Alice's Cafe, both located in L/L.

Entering and leaving Athletic Campus by car is rather tricky. You are allowed to enter from Main street (by L/L) and also from Spear street, but can only leave via University Heights to Main street. There is an additional entrance to Redstone Campus, with the only actual outlet being through University Heights to Main street.

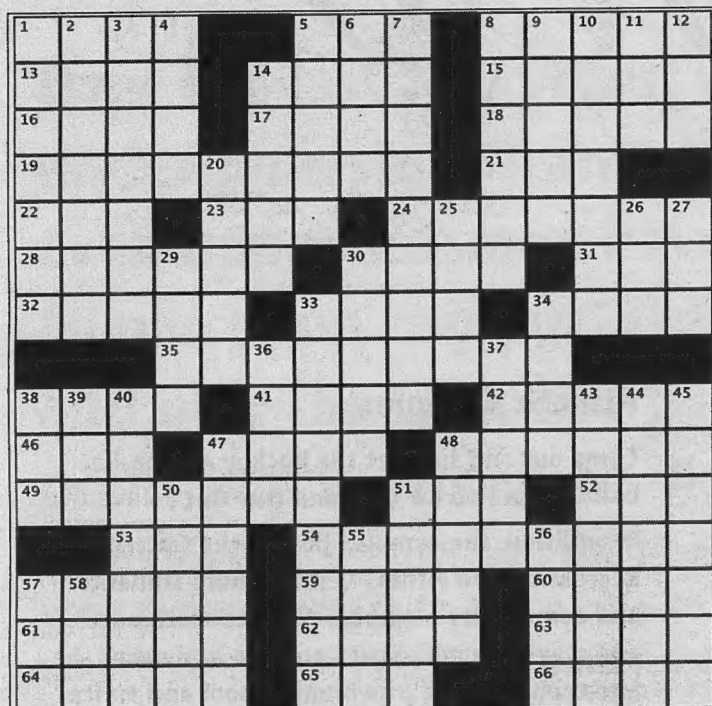
## Redstone

During the school year this is the most densely populated area in all of Vermont. With a diverse group of dorms ranging from environmentally conscious Slade Hall to Christie-Wright-Patterson (CWP), which now includes a gym on the healthy living floor, Redstone campus has something for everyone.

As far as food goes, Simpson is where it is at. Between the Simpson dining hall, which is an all-you-can-eat facility, and the Simpson Store, which has snacks and a sub shop, one can always find a bite.



## CROSSWORD



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## PUZZLE

## ACROSS

- 1- Petty quarrel
- 5- Drunkard
- 8- Ruffle
- 13- Official language of Pakistan
- 14- Growl
- 15- Ooze out
- 16- Faculty head
- 17- Routine
- 18- Angered
- 19- Breed of riding horse
- 21- Colorful carp
- 22- Kernel
- 23- Covering for the head
- 24- Upoar
- 28- Person with a cool job
- 30- Spahn teammate
- 31- Debtor's letters
- 32- Goddess of tillage
- 33- It's owed
- 34- Hamlet, e.g.
- 35- Articulate
- 38- Bring into complete union
- 41- Wight or Man
- 42- Savory jelly
- 46- Wrath
- 47- Mountain range in central Europe

- 48- Capital of Turkey
- 49- Ductile
- 51- Make a lap
- 52- Faucet
- 53- Paving material
- 54- Present again
- 57- Small antelope
- 59- Cut-price retail event
- 60- Potpourri
- 61- Breakfast food
- 62- Ardent
- 63- Banned apple spray
- 64- Tale
- 65- Permit
- 66- Gives a bad review

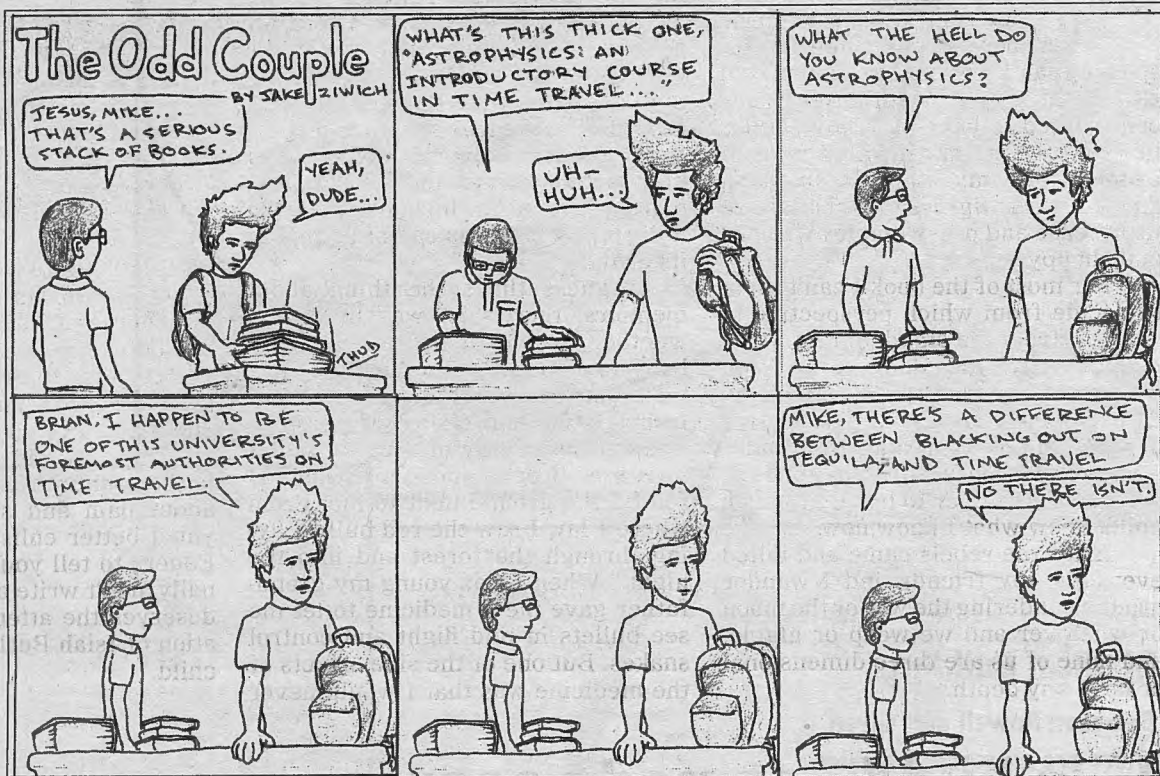
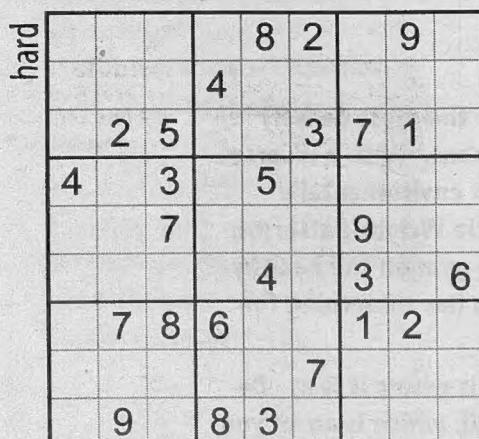
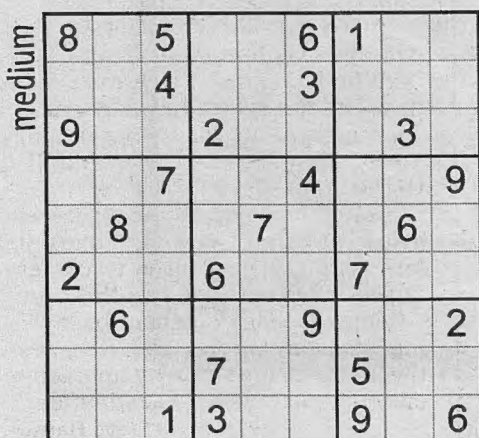
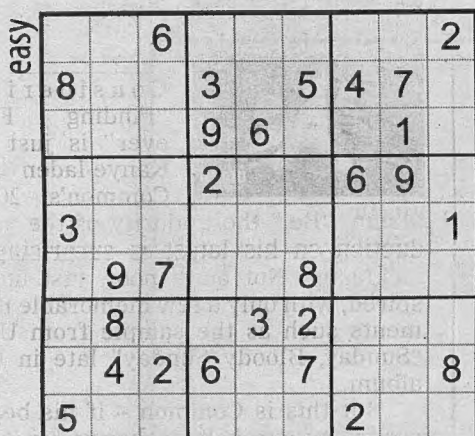
## DOWN

- 1- Pertaining to the Sudan
- 2- Foreskin
- 3- Power plug transformer
- 4- Large marine food fish
- 5- Snob
- 6- Cereal grain
- 7- Able to be treated
- 8- Sleeveless jacket
- 9- Self-evident truth
- 10- Eating disturbance

- 11- Lyric poem
- 12- Spread out for drying
- 14- Moan
- 20- Potala Palace site
- 25- Tubular pasta in short pieces
- 26- Great age
- 27- Litigate against
- 29- Blend
- 30- Closes
- 33- Breakup
- 34- Writing table
- 36- Beak
- 37- Greek island
- 38- Intelligence
- 39- Before
- 40- Freckle
- 43- Kneecap
- 44- Shah, e.g.
- 45- Abductors
- 47- In a gay manner
- 48- Ventilated
- 50- Cavalry sword
- 51- Cleft
- 55- Roof overhang
- 56- Work up lather
- 57- Delivery room docs
- 58- Rodent, betrayer

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## Your Dorm Checklist

## Hit the Sack

- Sheet sets, Twin or Twin XL (2)
- Comforter or quilt (1)
- Down comforter (1)
- Duvet cover (1)
- Blanket (1)
- Bed pillows (2)
- Pillow protectors (2)
- Mattress pad (1)
- Fiberbed/featherbed (1)
- Inflatable Aerobed (1)
- Window/door panels
- Area rug (1)
- Decorative pillows
- Floor cushions
- Throw (1)

## Pull an All Nighter

- Desk lamp (1)
- Floor lamp (1)
- Bed rest (1)
- Lap desk (1)

## Munchie Makers

- Bowls, plates, mugs (4)
- Forks, knives, spoons (4)
- Glassware set (1)

## Cookware set (1)

- Set kitchen utensils (1)
- Bottle/can opener (1)
- Water filtration pitcher (1)
- Replacement filters
- Chip clips/magnetic clips (5)
- Dorm-size microwave (1)
- Dorm-size refrigerator (1)
- Blender (1)
- Toaster oven (1)
- Coffeemaker (1)
- George Foreman grill (1)
- Snack table (1)
- Dish rack
- Travel mugs

## Neat n Tidy

- Hand or stick vacuum (1)
- Dish cloths & towels (6)
- Cylinder hamper (1)
- Compact iron (1)
- Drying rack (1)
- Laundry bags (2)
- Lint roller

## Dorm Pre-Req's

- Clock radio (1)
- Night light
- Fan (1)
- Storage boxes (2)
- Extension cords (2)
- Squid multi outlets (2)
- Surge protector
- Batteries
- Door mirror (1)
- Wall hooks
- Frames
- Storage ottoman
- Trash can

## Chaos Control

- Storage trunk or tote (1)
- Under the bed containers (3)
- CD or DVD storage (1)
- Set of 4 bed risers (1)
- Over the door storage (1)
- Shoe rack (1)
- 24 hangers (1 Pkg.)
- Mesh cubes
- Bubble crates
- Modular storage shelves
- Drawer organizers (4)
- Storage set (1)
- Duffel bag (1)
- Space bags

## Student Body Needs

- Towel sets (6)
- Towel bar (1)
- bath towel tower (1)
- Tub mat (1)
- Bath rug (1)
- Shower curtain (1)
- Shower liner (1)
- Shower ring set (1)
- Shower caddy (1)
- Soap holder (1)
- Bath brush and pouf
- Electric toothbrush (1)
- Replacement heads
- Over the door hook (1)
- Magnifying mirror (1)
- Blow dryer (1)
- Body wash & lotion
- Cosmetic organizer (1)
- Tweezers
- Curling iron (1)
- Hair straightener (1)
- Electric razor (1)
- Robe & slippers (1)
- Hair towel & shower wrap
- Shower radio (1)
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## [critical] thinking

## I wish I knew what I know now

A satirical review of Ishmael Beah's "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" written in the style of the author

Verandah. It is my favorite word that the white man taught me. I use it once every few pages—s ay it to yourself—v-e-r-a-n-d-a-h. In fact, most of the important things in this book happen on or around them. I mention verandahs more times in this book than F. Scott Fitzgerald mentions Daisy in "The Great Gatsby."

## Book Review

Robert M. Downey

In the beginning, my friends and I listen to rap music and struggle to tell what the rappers are saying, but later on it turns out I knew some Shakespeare that I apparently memorized as a child in the bush. Later I was conscripted to become a boy soldier in Sierra Leone and I killed a lot of people while my story rambled on and on with digressions that made little sense and prose that is awkward and choppy.

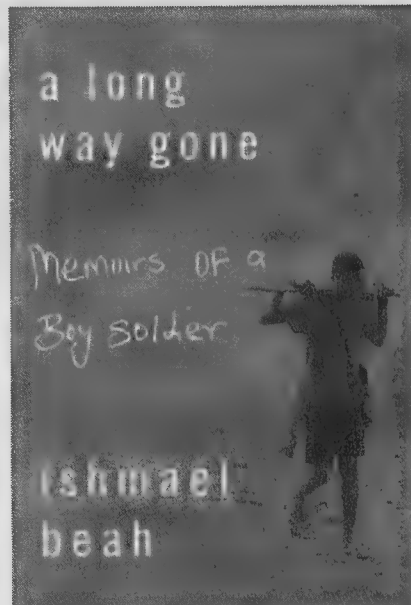
For most of the book I can't seem to decide from which perspective to write it; from the standpoint of a college-educated man looking back on the terrible atrocities I committed as a child, or from the perspective of that child. As a result, the reader might grow confused as at times it will seem to him or to her that I, as a child, knew what I know now.

After the rebels came and killed everyone, my friends and I wander around pondering the war or the moon or whatever and we weep or giggle, and none of us are three dimensional or have any depth.

In the entire manuscript there is not a single instance or moment in which I meditate, or truly consider the acts of which I was a part. I fully and completely accept my role as a victim in this instance, and to some degree I'm sure that I am, but on other levels I have my doubts.

Crude turns of phrase turn crudely across the turning pages of my book as I search for what the white men call 'narrative symmetry.' My use of similes is tedious and exhausting, like when I said "my head burned as though on fire." I think my editor got lost in the jungle. I use words like "sonority" and "disconsolate," letting my education shine through the broken English veneer that my professors probably told me would make my writing sound more authentic, more "African," which belittles the topic of my book instead of adding to its gravity.

I guess that's the thing about memoirs, there's no way of telling whether or not something actually happened. On page 35 during a skirmish between rebel and government troops, style and choice of perspective get in the way of fact, "A bullet hit a tree directly above my head and fell on the ground next to me. From where I lay, I saw the red bullets flying through the forest and into the night." When I was young my grandfather gave me a medicine to let me see bullets in mid flight and control snakes. But one of the side effects of the medicine was that I would never



be able to write worth a damn.

The two lessons I learned during course of my years in Sierra Leone being "rehabilitated" are: first, if you're going to be a boy soldier make sure that you have an agent good enough to get your book next to every cash register in every Starbucks in the country. Next, if you're writing about pain and suffering in Africa you'd better enlist the help of Dave Edgers to tell your story for you. Finally, don't write about a subject that deserves the attention and consideration of Isaiah Berlin in the voice of a child.

## This buddy comedy scores

Filmmakers underestimate their audiences. From the ultra revelatory previews to the painfully obvious punch lines and one-liners, comedies of the 21st century no longer require thinking — they only require \$9.00 and an extra large soda.

## Film Review

Meredith Rivlin

"Superbad" is not a film of this breed. Although it doesn't take a genius to appreciate a good penis joke, this film strays slightly from the typical "buddy" comedy or teen flick; the leading male characters, Seth, played by Jonah Hill, and Evan, Michael Cera of "Arrested Development" fame, are unbearably awkward in their goals to "get some."

With high school graduation mere weeks away, the boys try to get as much sexual experience as possible before becoming college freshmen — Evan at Dartmouth and Seth



at a more mediocre school. With the help of Fogell, a dweeby friend with a fake I.D., they plan to impress their

female classmates by bringing alcohol to a party. But, for plots' sake, things aren't so easy and the boys get separated, Fogell tagging along with two unconventional cops, Officers Michaels (co-writer Seth Rogan) and Slater (Bill Hader) who used to "hate cops" but don't let their uniforms enforce a certain lifestyle upon them.

Unlike "American Pie," neither Evan nor Seth are particularly desirable characters; in fact, their desperation for sex is pathetic, and Seth's homoerotic actions would stump even Father Freud. These faults, along with Evan's sensitivity become endearing traits (or at least as endearing as crudely sketching male anatomy can be).

"Superbad's" humor is intended for a predominantly male audience, but above this, it was intended for anyone who has been forced to separate from a dear friend and pave a path of one's own.

## [exclaim]ation points



M.I.A.

Kala

(XL Recordings)

★★★★★

With "Kala," M.I.A. not only evades the dreaded sophomore slump; she

presents a record that surpasses her first.

Tracks range from massive club-bangers like "Down River," to more subtle tracks like "Paper Planes," with its gorgeous melody and chorus featuring the ring of disquieting gunshots. Now, I listen to a lot of music with percussive gunfire, but the contrast here between the song's bittersweet melody and deafening shots does something wonderful: it disturbs, just as gunshots should.

In a recent interview, M.I.A. voiced dissatisfaction with the way she and her art are portrayed in media. "I just find it a bit upsetting and kind of insulting that I can't have any ideas on my own because I'm a female," she said.

M.I.A. is responsible for some of the most forward-thinking, exciting sounds in contemporary music made by any artist of any gender: and, trite or not, this has little to do with whether she pees sitting down.

- John McMillin



Common

Finding Forever

(Geffen Records)

★★★★★

Considering "Finding Forever" is just as Kanye-laden as Common's 2005

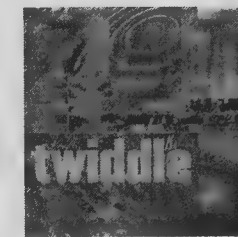
album, "Be," the majority of the production on his latest is surprisingly lackluster. Not quite poor, just uninspired, with only a few memorable moments such as the sample from U2's "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" late in the album.

But this is Common — if his beats are frosty, surely he makes up for it by spitting lava. Surprisingly, here Common is consistently inconsistent.

"Driving Me Wild," Lily Allen's catchy contribution, for instance, contains both Common's signature smoothness and the eye-roll worthy line, "She was the type to watch Oprah and the Today Show/Be on the treadmill like OK GO."

Hamfisted pop culture references aside, "Finding Forever" finds itself late, with the final three tracks creating an excellent one-two-three punch — Common at his poignant best. "Finding Forever" is a worthy listen, despite the more cringe-worthy moments, if only to reach the final destination.

- Steve Hausmann



Twiddle

Natural Evolution of Consciousness

(Jamflow Records)

★★★★★

It is not easy to place a cameo appearance of "Puff the Magic Dragon" into a

jazzy, progressive rock anthem. Yet, in their album "Natural Evolution of Consciousness," Twiddle rose to the challenge most admirably.

The album blends rock ballads with complex and classical instrumental interludes without any jarring changes of pace.

The harsh, but not unpleasant, vocals make this jam band easy to listen to in any situation and compliment the score that is easily in a league of its own.

- Joanna Benjamin

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## The F.B. Side

Dear Facebook,

This is a really difficult letter to write. You changed. I thought we could make things work despite our time apart this summer, but you strayed. I can't even look at you anymore – it hurts too much. There's not much more I can say...

Graffiti? Top friends? Happy hour? What's the deal Zuckerberg? This is not Myspace so stop cluttering the page with that garbage.

It's not Apple either, so please get rid of the imposter 'iLike' and 'iWant' bullshit before you really get yourself sued. And what's with the free gifts? They look like shitty knockoffs from the Wal-Mart of graphic artwork.

I go on Facebook to stalk people, not to find out what their stripper name is.

None of these supposed "upgrades," created

by tasteless, wannabe software developers, are appealing.

Peer pressure is tough, I know. But please don't conform to the demands of the tactless generation of young'uns born after 1990, and stay faithful to those who were with you in the beginning.

I miss what we had together FB. I wish you would clean up your act. But I know you won't.

I wish I could just say it's over between us, but it's not that easy. You're like that asshole boyfriend the timid girl always takes back. But no matter what you do, or how badly you treat me, in my mind I'll always remember the good times. I may be pissed, but I'm not breaking up with you FB. At least not yet.

# The College Life: Finding a home in Burlington

By SUSAN FLUFFERTON

Cynic Correspondent

For any underclassman confined to a 12' by 12' dorm room, the idea of living off campus seems exciting, tempting, liberating and for the most part awesome.

Yet when I made my move this year from the cushy existence that is campus housing, I learned that living downtown might not be as glamorous as it sounds.

The entire process of moving off campus is daunting. The overbearing RA's and constant security of dorm life is countered by the fact that dorms are fully furnished and you never have to clean, cook, pay bills or do much of anything for yourself.

I wasn't even sure where to begin when I decided I was done with the over-protective dorm life and ready to live on my own.

My roommate and I began walking aimlessly around Burlington, calling the number on every for rent sign we saw, and compulsively checking Craigslist.

I especially enjoyed Craigslist's generally brief descriptions such as "4 bedroom on Loomis. 1 bathroom. \$2400/month."

Is that really the best picture a landlord can paint for a place I plan on dropping my life savings into and living in for the next 8 months?

Seriously people. Is there another way to find an apartment in Burlington? Say a realtor with pictures, descriptions or dare I say, options?

Apparently not. So I spent my winter trudging around downtown despite the snow and below zero temperatures, while skipping most of my classes to accommodate landlords' open house showings.

Evidently they think 12 p.m. is a pretty open time slot for most college students.

I saw a lot of things during my house search. Porches turned into bedrooms, giant holes in the wall and for the most part completely trashed houses.

And throughout my entire search I don't think I saw one kitchen that had been upgraded since 1971. Yum.

As I stood and stared in disgust each landlord assured me the apartment would be 'professionally' (hah) cleaned before I moved in. Have they ever heard of the term irrevocable damage?

Dare you ask if the landlord has any plans on fixing the foot-wide hole in the wall? Surely they won't have the time to make those kinds of repairs during the mere three months of summer.

At one particular house I looked at on Colchester, I couldn't stop laughing for the entire tour at the mere idea that landlord wanted me to pay to live there.

I learned that, while there might be a few

exceptions to the rule, most landlords have this holier-than-thou attitude that they're doing you a favor by letting you pay to live in their sleazy abode.

Eventually I found a place I thought I could call home.

It wasn't completely structurally destroyed, the ceiling wasn't made for midgets, and the house didn't smell like a combination of a frat and my grandmother's nursing home.

Needless to say, when I headed up to Burlington this fall to move in, I was just a bit nervous to show my parents my 'rustic' apartment which they would be paying for.

The anticipation built as we walked up the broken wooden steps and swung open the door to my first apartment.

The moment we stepped inside my father dubbed my new home "the dump," half-jok-

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ing, half dead-serious. My mother, always the optimist, kept saying "maybe it will look better in the daytime."

I couldn't even make excuses for my apartment's state. It was that sad.

After my parents made peace with the fact that I had to live in this place for the next year, they began to do a TLC-worthy makeover of my apartment.

My father worked on fixing up the obvious damage: broken screens, holes in the walls, and putting in (gasp) light bulbs.

My mother and I focused on cleaning the entire apartment. It appeared as if the wood floor had not been cleaned since it was put in - same goes for the kitchen.

Whoever "professionally" cleaned my apartment (which is nicely tucked into my fees) might need a new definition of the word clean.

At the end of the day, we had turned the once ghastly apartment into something livable, though the thought of showering or eating there still made me cringe.

Moral of the story: Things aren't always as perfect as they seem. But I already knew that.

If I learned one life lesson that day, it's that those loser upperclassmen that still live on campus might be doing something right.

Tune in next week for tales of waking up to the sound of your car being towed.

## Lou's News

A Not News Report by Louis Armistead

### Davis Center expanding beyond human control



At what was thought to be the completion of its construction, it seems that the Dudley H. Davis Center is expanding on its own, beyond the control of any of its architects and engineers.

It is believed by experts that this is an attempt to attach itself to every standing structure in Chittenden County. It has already enveloped the neighboring Terrill Building as well as consuming Ben and Jerry's and New World Tortilla. It is said to eventually be an impenetrable dome, which will soon span the entire city of Burlington in only a matter of weeks.

"We are unsure the reasons for this unnecessary expansion," officials said Sunday morning, "there may be cause for concern." Already the Davis Center has consumed two fraternities and a Chittenden Bank. So far this has been met with little to no opposition.

Both the Bailey/Howe Library and Waterman, formerly the largest buildings on campus, are now trembling in fear that they may be next.

There is some speculation to the cause of this catastrophe. Experts have concluded that the Davis Center has now become so smug and full of itself, that the building is now taking it upon itself to blobbishly itself throughout Burlington and parts of Chittenden County and not stop until the entire UVM population is encased forever.

"We are thrilled to see the Davis Center take the

initiative to expand on its own," said one member of the UVM of the board of directors. "The more it spreads and encases our community in one giant shopping mall-like structure, the better our school will look to football players and soccer moms, and that's where the real donation money is."

As the Davis Center continues to spread without any sign of stopping, it is also draining energy and resources from neighboring businesses. Its presence is so overwhelming that Brooks Pharmacy has been forced to downgrade itself to a Rite Aid, and can only sustain enough energy to be open a mere 16 hours a day, even though they have not closed once in over ten years.

The unnatural growth of this behemoth is drawing multitudes so in awe of its ungodly presence, they are unable to look away. The Davis Center then blobbishly attaches itself to them, and then they become a physical part of the structure.

"The Davis Center seems now to have developed a sort of human intelligence," stated officials in an emergency press conference. "We can also safely assume that it has the ability to communicate with the outside world. As it grows and grows without any sign of stopping, it seems to be sending out the message, 'Join me or perish'. The structure seems hell bent on destroying everything in its path, and not stopping until it has enveloped all of New England."

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# Looking forward

Fall sports hit the ground running for the the 2007-2008 season

## Men's Soccer

By NICK DECARO

Senior Staff Writer

### Men's soccer looking to settle the score

Last season, the University of Vermont's men's soccer team surprised many with an amazing run all the way to the America East Championship game, but lost in a heartbreaker 1-0 to Binghamton.

Vermont finished 9-7-4 overall, 5-1-2 in America East play, including an unblemished 5-0 record in conference at Centennial Field.

This year the Cats return nine of 11 starters, including four all-conference players, and last year's playoff run provides Vermont with experience to make a run in 2007.

Junior Jordan Crasilneck and sophomore T.J. Gore earned America East First Team All-Conference honors in 2006. Senior Panos Georgiadis and junior Connor Tobin earned second team honors.

In total, seven of the top eight scorers return for the 2007 season, led by Crasilneck's six goals and four assists.

The Catamounts also return both goalies from last season. A key part of Vermont's success is junior Roger Scully who posted the 12th best save percentage in the nation (.843) and started 17 games in goal.

Junior Tom Critz was hampered by injuries last season, but played well in limited time.

Georgiadis and Tobin will anchor the back line along with returning starters juniors Jake McFadden and Will Haywood. Vermont will have to make up for the loss of Corey Bronner, '07, to keep one of the best defenses in America East.

Seniors Loren Hill and Justin Geibel will play along side Crasilneck in the middle. America East All-Rookie Team member in 2006, sophomore Rem Kielman and sophomore Dominic Chapman will help solidify UVM's midfield.

The Catamounts also have strong attackers up front, returning everyone from last year. Along side Gore will be senior Tyler Hasman who scored five goals and three assists, including a couple of noteworthy game winners.

Also returning are junior Lee Stephan Kouadio, and sophomore Marty Galvin. Sophomore Matt Hennessey and junior Caleb Doyle-Burr are also looking to make key contributions to the team this year.

A slew of freshmen will provide the Cats with tremendous depth across the field.

Defenders Gary Cole, Teddy Wingo, Tim Drabyak along side red shirt freshman goal keeper Trevor Quinn provide promise for continuing success for the men's soccer program.

In the midfield, freshmen Brendan Symington, Kyle Luetkehans and Drew Smalley will look to provide a spark off the bench.

Picked to finish third in the America East preseason poll, UVM will look to improve on its second place finish in America East from a season ago and take home the America East title as well as earn a spot in the NCAA College Cup.

The Cats hit the West Coast for match-ups with WCC (West Coast Conference) powerhouses San Francisco, and defending conference champ number five Santa Clara.

Vermont will host the Smith Barney/Nike Soccer Classic for the 17th time on Sept. 7 and 9 at Centennial Field. This year the field includes UMass, Michigan State and New Hampshire.

## Field Hockey

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

Sports Editor

### Back to the America East Tournament

With the nation's third-highest scoring pair and top two scorers in the conference on the forward line, the Vermont field hockey team is poised to tackle the competition.

Ten starters return to the turf under head coach Nicki Houghton, who was the 2006 America East Coach of the Year.

The top scoring duo, senior Danielle Collins and junior Maegan Luce, is joined on the forward line by senior Kelly McClintock, who holds the distinction of being the sixth highest scorer in the conference in her own right.

Junior starters Kim Striegler, Lauren Burke and Jen Angers will take control on the midfield and look to help senior tri-captain Kate Lipton.

Senior Lisa Patrick, junior transfer Wendy Carbone, sophomore Katie Smith and first year Jenna Horowski will all look to contribute in the midfield and add versatility to the lineup.

Sophomore goalie Kristen Heavens will return to goal for the Cats this season. Heavens made 10 starts including eight of the final nine games in 2006 as a redshirted freshman.

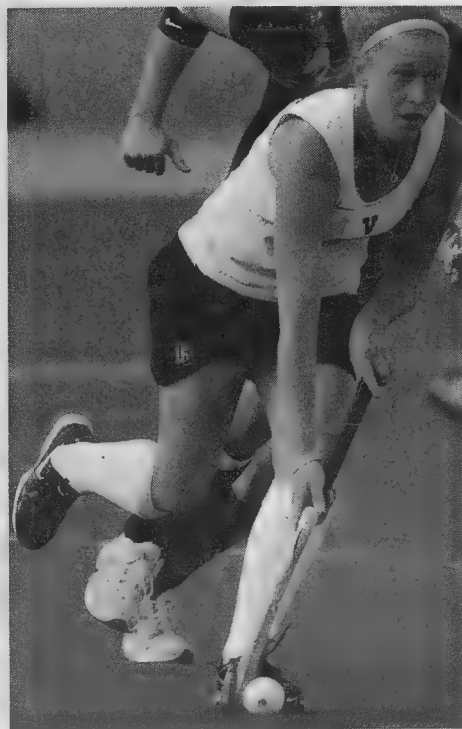
The defensive line will also see a solid player in senior tri-captain Betsy Welsh, who as of last season made 39 career starts.

"The spring season really helped some returning players evolve in their projected roles and the coaching staff is excited for the fall season and for the development and defining of the 2007 Catamount team," Houghton said.

The Cats take on tough early season challenges, but have already been rewarded with a 1-0 won over number 17 Providence to record the first ever win over a ranked team in the program's history.

"I think our schedule is terrific, yet challenging," Houghton said. "We are tested throughout September with our non-conference opponents. Three Big East schools, Michigan from the Big 10 and Virginia from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"This level of competition will certainly prepare our team for conference play."



(Vermont Cynic)  
Senior Danielle Collins (15) dribbles toward the goal to tally another point for the Catamounts last season. Collins is four points shy of matching the school record for most career points.

## Women's Soccer

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer



(Vermont Cynic)  
Junior Erin Pichiotino (2) sets up a shot on goal last season. Pichiotino, despite being on the defensive line, has been known to move into the attacking end of the field to help facilitate scoring opportunities for the Cats.

### Cats set to pounce on America East

Led by surging fourth year head coach Kerry Dziczaniec, the 2007 University of Vermont women's soccer team is poised to improve upon last year's record (5-10-3, 3-3-2 AE) and reach the America East tournament for a record three consecutive seasons.

Despite being chosen to finish sixth in the conference in a recent preseason coaches' poll, the Cats, returning five key starters, are excited about their chances in 2007.

"We believe the level of play in America East has risen and the league has become extremely competitive from top to bottom," said Dziczaniec, a 1993 George Washington graduate. "We believe it is any team's championship this year."

Dziczaniec's subtle confidence stems from the team's balanced mixture of experienced upperclassmen and talented incoming freshmen.

Among the 11 returning student athletes, Dziczaniec will rely heavily on sophomore backstopper and Vermont native Eliza Bradley. The 2006 America East All-Rookie selection posted a 1.34 GAA last season and tied a 10 year club record by recording four regular season shutouts.

Defensively, the Cats will be led by junior Emilie Rowe of whos "tenacious play and leadership out-of-the-back, opponents will have a hard time getting by," Dziczaniec said.

Returning to patrol the Catamount midfield is playmaking junior Kaitlin Francis. Francis started all 18 games last season and was named to the 2006 America East All-Conference Second Team.

Seniors Eileen Cirilli, Callie Ewald and junior Susie Cirilli will captain the '2007 Cats. For Dziczaniec, the selections were a no-brainer: "They are fantastic representatives of our program and the University. They are going to be great leaders for us on and off the field."

Dziczaniec should be ecstatic about her incoming freshmen as well. Ranked 16 out of 41 in the Northeast by *Soccer Buzz Magazine*, the newest recruiting class, including seven Vermonsters, figures to contribute greatly.

The Cats kick off the 2007 season Friday, Aug. 31 when they host Central Arkansas in the TD Banknorth Classic at 4 p.m. at Centennial Field.

## Last Week

Tuesday, August 21 –  
Monday, August 27

Saturday August 25,  
2007

### Women's Soccer @ Rutgers Preseason Scrimmage

– Loss

Vermont: 0-0 – 0  
Rutgers: 3-3 – 6

### Field Hockey vs. Saint Louis @ Durham, NH

– Win

Vermont: 3-0 – 3  
Saint Louis: 0-0 – 0

Sunday August 26,  
2007

### Field Hockey vs. Providence @ Durham, NH

– Win

Vermont: 1-0 – 1  
Providence: 0-0 – 0

## Conference Standings

[ Preseason Coaches' Poll ]

### America East Field Hockey

1. Boston U.
2. Albany
3. Vermont
4. Maine
5. New Hampshire
6. Fairfield

### America East Men's Soccer

1. Binghamton
2. Boston U.
3. Vermont
4. New Hampshire
5. Stony Brook
6. Hartford
7. UMBC
8. Albany
9. Maine

### America East Women's Soccer

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
A column by The Vermont Cynic  
Sports Staff

Good Week for Papelbon  
By Josh Appelbaum



It was a good week for Red Sox flame-throwing closer Jonathan Papelbon who, on Aug. 2, made club history by becoming the first reliever to secure two 30-save campaigns.

In addition, after obtaining the final four outs in Tuesday's 8-6 victory over the perennial cellar dwelling D-Rays, the sophomore stud and two time all-star became the fourth reliever in MLB history to convert upwards of 30 saves in his first two complete seasons in the Show.

Lowering his ERA to 1.77 on the season, the fiery 26-year-old, flat-brimmed intimidator also unveiled a distinctive addition to his already dominating arsenal of pitches.

As if his blazing, 95-plus MPH mustard blast was not filthy enough, Pap has developed a "slutter," a cut fastball, slider hybrid.

With concerns about the health of his right shoulder put to rest, thanks to a reduced workload, Papelbon has paced the Sox to their second best start ever (76-50).

With Japanese southpaw and rookie 8th inning sensation Hideki Okajima befuddling batters at will with his "okey-dokey" changeup, the back end of the Sox pen appears primed for October.

Now, if only prized newcomer Eric Gagne could patent a new pitch and get his act together.

Bad Week for Michael Vick  
By Nick DeCaro



It was a bad week for Michael Vick as he was suspended without pay from the NFL.

After pleading guilty to dogfighting charges, Vick faced a second sentencing from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

It seems hard to believe that Vick, the Starr, the Staubach, the Bradshaw, the Elway of our generation, may never set foot on an NFL field again.

Destined for greatness, blessed with moves like Walter Payton and the arm of Dan Marino, Vick's raw talent was something the NFL had never seen.

Vick lead Atlanta to a playoff win in 2002 and all the way to the NFC championship game in 2004, which earned him a record 10-year, \$130 million contract.

With the hiring of coach and quarterback wizard Bobby Petrino, Vick was finally going to be the quarterback who could do it all.

Now all anyone can do is look at what may be the most epic fall from grace in sports history.

Not only will Vick not be on the field if convicted, but fans will not get to witness one of the greatest athletes to set foot in a stadium.

No longer will you see a red number seven jersey in a backyard football game, impersonating Vick's preposterous 46-yard scamper to beat Minnesota 30-24 in overtime back in 2002.

Never has a sports superstar thrown away such fame and fortune as Vick has.

While his actions are absolutely despicable and horrifying, it is sad that such a gifted athlete may never play again.



## FOOTBALL

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females," Athletic Director Bob Corran said.

"Thus, if we added football with approximately 100 roster spots, we would be required to provide an additional 100 roster spots for female student athletes," Corran said, "approximately doubling the cost for football."

In addition to the base cost of the football program itself, UVM doesn't have a football stadium, which would cost a fortune to build in itself.

"Annual operating costs as well as infrastructure costs to reinstate varsity football (and corresponding increase in women's varsity sports) would require our annual operating budget to increase 40 percent," Corran said.

"We have many other priorities at this point in time and are focused on improving the quality of experience for our current student athletes,"

Corran continued.

This information, however, does not seem to be affecting the current team or where it is in its growth process.

"It's an opportunity that an entire generation has missed out on, I feel pretty privileged to be a part of it," said team member and Vermont senior Dustin Degree. "We've got a great group of guys; some of whom have played at the college level, and some have never played organized ball."

"I can certainly say that those of us who have stuck with it through the spring and preseason are incredibly focused on making this work."

"There's no telling what the University will do with this club. It could go varsity, or just stay a club forever. Either way, I think that it will be great to be able to offer students the chance to play or just watch football at UVM,"

DeLuca said.

"I know that there are many people looking forward to this upcoming season, and I am definitely looking forward to suiting up and getting back on the field," DeLuca said.

With that, the Catamount club football team will hold their first home game in over 33 years at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Burlington High School.

There is a \$5 general admission and the University will provide students with bussing to Burlington High every 15 minutes for an hour before and an hour after each game.

"We want to do well on and off the field," Degree said. "Hopefully by this time next year, Saturday nights under the lights will be just a routine."

(Left: Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic Right: UVM Football Club)  
Sophomore Marc Bucklin (2) cheers his teammates on as they battle against the North Berkshire Kings in Vermont's first football game in 33 years.

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007  
Vermont (1-0): 7-10-0-0 - 17  
N. Berkshire (0-2): 12-0-0-0 - 12

#### Scoring Summary

Q 1. VT -- Tim Snow 12-yard pass from Rob Kimmel (Pat Willis Kick)

Q 1. NB -- Justin Fox 22-yard pass from Patrick Knight (2-pt. conversion failed)

Q 1. NB -- 28-yard fumble return (2-pt. conversion failed)

Q 2. VT -- Dan Chase 5-yard run (Pat Willis kick)

Q 2. VT -- Pat Willis 32-yard field goal

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# View from the Sidelines

A commentary on the National Football League brought to you by Dakota Rubin

## Staff Predictions

Austin Danforth Editor-in-Chief

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New Orleans Saints	South	New England Patriots
New York Giants	East	San Diego Chargers
Seattle Seahawks	West	Indianapolis Colts
Green Bay Packers	Wild Card	Pittsburgh Steelers
Washington Redskins	Wild Card	Tennessee Titans

Superbowl: New England Patriots over Chicago Bears

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Kat Williams Staff Writer

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## NFL Predictions – Preview

In his first year as NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell has made it clear that he will not stand for players' indiscretions with some going as far as to change the meaning of NFL to the "No Fun League."

This summer, things have not gotten easier as Goodell has had to deal with the ongoing Adam "Pacman" Jones situation plus the dogfighting scandal that could possibly draw a premature close to Michael Vick's career.

What may be surprising to some is that while Jones spends his season moonlighting as a professional wrestler and following Ron Artest's footsteps into the rap game while Vick gets comfortable in a courtroom, life in the rest of the NFL continues.

Here are three things to look for in the upcoming season:

1. How does LT follow up his record setting season?

After rushing into the record books with an unprecedented 31 touchdowns last season and running away with the MVP award, what is the next level for LaDainian Tomlinson?

He is already regarded as the best running back in the league and is on pace to shatter almost every scoring record.

But there is still something missing from LT's trophy case and that is a Lombardi trophy.

Last season the Chargers were favored by many to reach the Super Bowl but the dream came to an end at the hands of Tom Brady and the Patriots.

However, this year with young quarterback Phillip Rivers more seasoned and assuming that defensive beast Shaun Merriman avoids suspension, San Diego looks poised to make a charge for a championship, just further confirming LT's status at the top of the sport.

2. How will Peyton Man-

ning come back after winning the Super Bowl?

The monkey is finally off his chest.

After years of being the guy who couldn't win the big game, Manning is finally off the schneide.

But how will he and his team respond?

As long as Manning is behind center, the Colts will continue to have the most potent offense in the NFL, but how will the losses on defense plus the sudden retirement of OT Terik Glenn affect the title defense?

It will be interesting to see how Manning responds to a new type of pressure: proving it wasn't a fluke and repeating.

3. Is there a Rx for Grossman's inconsistency?

Last season Rex Grossman showed flashes of brilliance and veteran poise posting eight games with a QB rating over 100 but also looked rattled and inexperienced in six games with a rating under 40.

So what can we expect from Grossman this season?

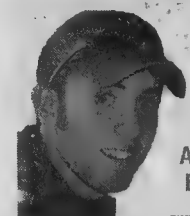
The Bears added an offensive weapon in rookie tight end Greg Olsen and using returnman extraordinaire Devin Hester as a wide receiver will open up the field for Grossman.

But thus far this pre-season Grossman has looked just as inconsistent as ever.

In his first game he went 8-of-10 for 50 yards but followed that up with two fumbles and an interception in the next game.

In the most recent pre-season game Grossman went 13-of-20 for 211 yards and two TDs but also was intercepted once and fumbled yet again.

With the Bears stellar defense and explosive special teams, Grossman could hold the key to Chicago's success this season and whether or not they can repeat their appearance in the Super Bowl.



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Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## Notes from the caddyshack

It was quite a summer. As we all brace for classes, I'm still digesting the warm weather while looking ahead to what's next on the menu...fall.

To aid the digestive process, a dose of seven notes from the caddy shack:

1. Michael Vick and Barry Bonds are, in fact, not the cure for the summertime blues.

2. I will vote for the presidential candidate who campaigns to get the surgeon general's approval of trips to the horse races.

After opening day at Saratoga Race Course – the annual caddy holiday, in all its splendor – I'm thoroughly convinced of the therapeutic power of losing money and drinking coolers full of Pabst Blue Ribbon.

For anyone who can make a day trip to Saratoga, or any track for that matter, DO IT.

3. After marching around Southern Hills during his victory at the PGA Championship, Tiger now has 13 major championships under his belt.

Only one person in golf history has more majors than Tiger. The record is 18, the man is Jack Nicklaus.

Note to the Golden Bear: That record is not safe. Love, The Looper.

4. You gotta love the baby mama drama surrounding Tom Brady.

After he split with his former girlfriend, actress Bridget Moynahan, she announced she was carrying his child.

The baby boy was born last week and Brady is still dating the richest supermodel in the world, Gisele Bundchen.

This is the same guy who split starting time with an underclassman during his last two years at Michigan and was drafted in the sixth round of the NFL draft.

I wonder if Gisele prefers to hold the hand wearing the three Super Bowl rings or if she just gazes at them from the other hand.

5. Then there's Brady's new on-field relationship. I can't wait. Brady-to-Moss. Touchdown! Brady-to-Moss. Touchdown! I have goose bumps.

6. The "Mike Hart for Heisman" campaign headquarters are located in the Davis Center, room 116. The door says "The Vermont Cynic," but go through the door, the office is inside on the left.

The biggest little back in college football has my vote on lockdown. I'd take Hart over any of USC's nine scholarship running backs every day of the week.

7. The end of the season in the Big Ten is going to be intensity in 10 cities, well, at least three: Madison, Ann Arbor and Columbus.

The end of the season goes like this: Wisconsin at Ohio State, Michigan at Wisconsin and then the Big Game, Ohio State at Michigan.

Each team has two big games in the last three weeks. Each team could be undefeated going into this stretch.

Whichever teams comes out worse for the wear are going to be wishing they'd have set up one of these contests far earlier in the season.

## The grass is always greener in Vermont

Pete Hein, '07, was selected in the fifth round, 49th overall, in the Major League Lacrosse Draft by the Denver Outlaws.

Bryan Rembisz, '07, signed a professional baseball contract with the Traverse City, Mich., Beach Bums of the Independent Frontier League.

Eric Perin, '97, signed with the Atlanta Thrashers of the NHL. Perin recorded 36 points in 82 games with the Tampa Bay Lightning last season.

Derek Miller, '05, was promoted to the Hunstville Stars baseball team, a contingent of the Milwaukee Brewers organization, of the Double A Southern League.

Chris Myers, '07, signed a contract with the Columbia Inferno of the East Coast Hockey League. Myers combined 33 goals and 21 assists for 54 points in his career at UVM.

Aaron Miller, '93, signed a free agent contract with the Vancouver Canucks. Miller is a 12-year NHL veteran with 110 career points in 620 games.

Current and former UVM students garnered several international athletic honors over the summer.

Kenny Macaulay, '07 and Matt Syroczyński, '05, signed contracts in the East Coast Hockey League with the Fresno Falcons and the Elmira Jackals, respectively.

Kristen Millar, '09, was named to and led the Canadian U-19 Women's Lacrosse World Cup team to the semifinals.

Courtney Pilypaitis, '10, was named to and led the Canadian U-21 Women's Basketball National Team to a seventh place finish overall in Moscow, Russia.

Jamie Abbatiello, '97, Henri Beauchemin, '41, Dan Bokan, '90, Carrie DuBray, '97, Eric Perrin, '97, Martin St. Louis, '97 and Tim Thomas, '97, to be inducted into the UVM Hall of Fame on Oct. 6, 2007.

Martin Kilmes, '07, represented the Czech Republic National Team at the World University Games in Thailand.

Kristal Yush, '04, secured the fourth overall spot as well as the distinction of being the top U.S. finisher in the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro.





## This Week

Tuesday, August 28 –  
Monday, September 3

Thursday August 30,  
2007

### Field Hockey

vs. Fairfield  
Moulton Winder Field, 3 p.m.

Friday August 31,  
2007

### Cross Country

@ Stony Brook Invitational  
Stony Brook, NY, 2:30 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

vs. Central Arkansas  
Centennial Field, 4 p.m.

### Men's Soccer

@ San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA, 10 p.m.

Sunday September 1,  
2007

### Field Hockey

vs. Brown  
Moulton Winder Field, 2 p.m.

Sunday September 2,  
2007

### Women's Soccer

vs. George Washington  
Centennial Field, 1:15 p.m.

### Men's Soccer

@ Santa Clara  
Santa Clara, CA, 5 p.m.



## Next Week

Tuesday, September 4 –  
Monday, September 10

Friday September 7,  
2007

### Men's Soccer

vs. UMass  
Centennial Field, 4:30 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

@ Saint Mary's  
Moraga, CA, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday September 8,  
2007

### Field Hockey

vs. UMass  
Moulton Winder Field, 11 a.m.

Sunday September 9,  
2007

### Field Hockey

vs. Virginia  
Moulton Winder Field, 11 a.m.

### Men's Soccer

vs. Michigan State  
Centennial Field, 1:15 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

@ University of California-Berkeley  
Moraga, CA, 3 p.m.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

# New kids on the block

## Football returns to UVM in style

By KAT WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

Out of the 50 states in the nation, there are two without state university football teams: Alaska and Vermont.

It is understandable that Alaska would be without a football team, as the constant winter weather and the limited hours of daylight make it difficult to play.

Vermont, though sometimes covered in snow in the middle of May, without a football team?

A T-shirt commonly seen around campus reads, "UVM Football – Undefeated Since 1974." That year football was removed from the school budget as it was straddling mediocrity and failure compared to other D1 schools.

Just like that, football became a ghost at UVM, never to be taken seriously again – until now that is.

Thanks to Vermont sophomore Doug DeLuca, the school is getting a blast from the past and a second chance to sport the green and gold uniform on a football field.

"I came to UVM with the idea of investigating the start-up of a club football team. I knew that club football existed in other parts of the country, but had little knowledge about how they were run and what it took to start a football

team," DeLuca said.

In September of last year, DeLuca approached the club sports director and Student Government Association about starting a club team.

In order to satisfy concerns from both the Risk Management Center and the medical director, DeLuca said, "the SGA has taken on a new type of insurance coverage, which covers all of the club sports and will better insure the University."

As for a competition schedule, the Cats will be a part of a semi-professional New England-based league.

"I discovered that the University of Maine had a team, and immediately looked into joining the league they were in, which is the Northeast Independent Football League," DeLuca said.

Last November, over 40 people attended a general interest meeting.

"There were many very enthusiastic players who wanted to suit up again and get on the field," DeLuca said.

With players, a competition schedule, funding from the SGA and support from alumni and the community, the only thing missing is a coach.

"At the time the club team was being formed, I was a coach without a team," said Darren Haynes, the new coach. "After I retired from playing football after the 2003 season, I knew I wanted to continue being involved with football as a coach.

"Luckily for me, the opportunity for coaching UVM came along at the right time. I'm excited to be leading the Catamounts into 2007," Haynes continued.

Haynes has an extensive football career under his belt. He played for LSU in 1987, the semi-pro Louisiana Kenner Knights from 1988 to 1991 and the Vermont Ice Storm in 2001 and 2003.

The most recent addition to Haynes' résumé was assistant coaching for a local high school team, which has now allowed him to take on the challenge of molding his new UVM players into a winning team.

"The players are really coming together nicely and they understand that for a young football team, the ability to play as a unit is critical for success," Haynes said.

Everything seems to be coming together for this new football program. The ground steps are in place but one basic question still remains: is there a bigger future for football at UVM?

As successful as this new program may be, becoming a D1 state university team may be out of the question. Money is the biggest issue in this case, which is putting a damper on the idea of growth altogether.

"Federal Title XI regulations require that we provide similar competitive opportunities for males and

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(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Members of the UVM football club take the field for the first time in 33 years.

### UVM Football Club Schedule

Aug 25. - vs. North Berkshire Knights  
@ North Berkshire

Sep 8. - vs. Vt. Ravens @ Burlington  
High School, 7 p.m.

Sep 15. - vs. Exeter Gamblers @ Burlington  
High School, 7 p.m.

Sep 23. - vs. Mass Fury @ Kelleher  
Field, Marlboro, Mass., 2 p.m.

Oct 6. - vs. Central Maine Warriors @  
Burlington High School, 7 p.m.

Oct 13. - vs. University of Maine @  
UMaine, 8 p.m.

Oct 21. - vs. Vt. Ravens @ Spaulding  
High School, Barre, Vt. 1 p.m.

Oct 27. - vs. University of Maine @  
Burlington High School, 4:30 p.m.

### Playoffs

Nov. 3 - Wildcard Week

Nov. 10 - Semi Finals

Nov. 17 - New England Bowl II

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Fall sports are starting their 2007 seasons.

Preview men's soccer, field hockey and women's soccer.

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## ResLife targets bias incidents

By JOE COSMIDES

Cynic Correspondant

This past summer, resident advisor training received an upgrade when it increased the amount of training on bias-related incidents.

The new section of the program aims to instruct RAs on how to identify and deal with bias incidents that may arise in their residential halls and to make it clear why diversity and the prevention of bias incidents is important.

According to senior assistant director of Residential Life Kathy Cook, the new training is not a result of any increase of bias-related incidents. The thought behind the program is that RAs have the most daily interaction with students.

"RAs are living in the community with the students, and they are likely to see and hear offensive things when they occur. Additionally, students will reach out to them as a first step," Cook said.

According to her, "Many (RAs) have a vision of what a healthy floor community is like." This new training is meant to help RAs foster community and move towards that vision.

Some RAs incorporate these ideals into their community standards. Andrew Zarro, a sophomore RA in MAT created a bulletin board on his floor focusing on diversity.

"I've focused on making sure there is an acknowledgement of word choice," Zarro said. "I've heard people say hurtful things and I've just said, 'word choice' to them and they don't say them again," he added.

According to Cook, some of the more common incidents are drawings and graffiti on walls, bathroom stalls and dry-erase boards. While to some these may seem harmless, they detract from the comfortable environment that RAs seek to create.

Response from RAs is positive. "I feel like people are being more careful about what they say...you don't know what may be offensive to others," Zarro said.

"There has not been a noticeable concentration of incidents," Cook said, however she did note that the main target

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## Quality of Life at UVM



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Photo by Liz Crawford

### CYNIC BRIEF

## SGA holds inaugural session in Davis Center

By MIKE HAULENBEEK

Senior Staff Writer

The Student Government Association of the University of Vermont held its first meeting last Tuesday, Sept. 4, in the Livak Grand Ballroom of the Davis Center.

UVM President Daniel Fogel provided opening remarks. "This is quite a moment," he said. Tuesday's meeting was the first to be held in the still unfinished, 2,015 square-foot room.

Fogel said the University has been calling for an adequate student center for 13 years. He said the new Davis Center is "more than adequate," and that it speaks to the power of student leadership on campus.

Fogel answered questions from SGA senators regarding the President's Anti-Violence Initiative, new administrative safety campaigns and campus dining options.

UVM Provost John Hughes also attended Tuesday's meeting and spoke briefly, commending SGA for its hard work. Fogel and Hughes both left following their remarks.

Speaker of the Senate Mike Glynne told SGA he has invited several political figures to speak to them, including Gov. Jim Douglas and U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. He said

their visits wouldn't be confirmed, if at all, until late October.

Discussion and debate over UVM's new drug dog, "Dozer", dominated the rest of the meeting. "I am concerned about potential violations of students' rights," SGA senator Jay Taylor, Chair of the Student Action Com-

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mittee said.

Senator Christina Wehry said the drug dog is a further step toward campus safety and will help students who abuse drugs habitually and are in need of assistance.

Five senate seats were empty Tuesday, pending freshmen elections, which took place the following Thursday, September 6. Thirty-seven freshman SGA hopefuls signed out petitions and platform sheets, SGA Vice-President DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan said.

Those seats will be filled this week by freshmen Kofi Mensah, Julia Michel, Ana Dru Ellis, Tyler Van Becker and Ben Wolfson.

## Greek community pushes for members

By JOE COSMIDES

Cynic Correspondant

Greek life recruitment at UVM is in full swing, and the University's new "Go Greek Week" unifies Greek organizations to promote the Greek life.

During the week of Sept. 2, the Department of Student Life has organized events around campus to get students involved in the Greek system.

This so-named "Go Greek Week" is meant to kick off the recruitment by unifying each of the fraternities and sororities, making it more accessible for potential pledges and helping them to figure out which organization is right for them.

According to Greek Life advisor Kimberlee Monteaux, "Go Greek Week" is a large

**Recruitment effort in full swing across campus.**

step towards positive change in the Greek community. "This is an exciting time here at UVM for Greek life," Monteaux said.

This is the first year that the fraternities are having an organized recruitment. In the past, each fraternity would hold their own separate events.

According to Monteaux, this new program helps draw students to the organization of Greek life as a whole, then it is up to them to decide where they fit best.

While recruitment occurs during the entire academic year, it is typically during the opening weeks of the semester where there is the greatest promotion of Greek life.

There seems to be a surge in pride among Greek organizations. "I hear from students all the time that they are seeing more letters being worn across campus," Monteaux said. In fact, these letters will soon be joined by shirts that read simply "Go Greek", another indication of the Greek commitment to more of a community.

Perhaps this resurgence of Greek pride is a result of their success in helping to fund last year's Relay for Life. "Leaders in the Greek community saw this and it sort of lit a fire

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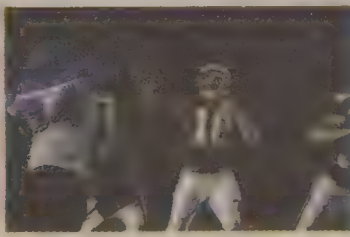
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# UVM welcomes five new students to SGA

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	What other activities are you involved in?	Why did you run?	What are some important issues to you?
 <p><b>Kofi Mensah</b> New York, NY Wright Hall</p>	<p>Biking, <i>The Vermont Cynic</i></p>	<p>I like to be involved in any way I can.</p>	<p>I really don't know the needs of the student, they can contact me through facebook and e-mail. Important issues are the poverty level in the U.S., starvation, Global Warming and other environmental issues.</p>
 <p><b>Ana Dru Ellis</b> Ridgewood, NJ Harris Hall</p>	<p>Varsity Swim Team and Hillel</p>	<p>I really wanted to help the environment of UVM.</p>	<p>Make activities that keep students from harming themselves and others, address safety issues</p>
 <p><b>Julia Michel</b> Washington, DC University Heights</p>	<p>Young Democrats, <i>The Vermont Cynic</i></p>	<p>To be a normal person in a leadership position, get started and involved early.</p>	<p>To bring bands to UVM, address safety issues on campus</p>
 <p><b>Ben Wolfson</b> Westchester, NY Harris Hall</p>	<p>Ski/Snowboard Club, Salsa Club, Intramural Hockey</p>	<p>I wanted to get involved, lead and change the way the school is run</p>	<p>I hope to get as many activites as possible for the freshmen class, improve the safety of the school.</p>
 <p><b>Tyler Van Backer</b> Wilmington, VT University Heights</p>	<p>Observation for UVM Rescue</p>	<p>I heard people speak very highly of SGA, and wanted to get involved.</p>	<p>Environmental is- sues, use of B100 fuel in the buses instead of B20, continuing making the school envi- rofriendly, Safety escort service all week long.</p>



# New year, old problems for Quality of Life issues

## UVM community deals with questions of the effects of drinking and drug use on and off campus

By VERA SIMON-NOBES  
Senior Staff Writer

The late-August arrival of students brings about excitement, as well as apprehension from the greater Burlington community. For students, the beginning of school means new people, dorms, parties and classes. It also means long lines at City Market, a throng of people outside Pearl Street Beverage late into the night, and rowdy crowds walking to and from downtown.

The arrival of college students means that students are drinking. According to a study by Wechsler and colleagues, 44 percent of college students have engaged in binge drinking in the past two weeks.

At UVM, between Aug. 24 and Sept. 6, police services reported 20 alcohol offenses and nine "intoxications" (which generally result in the individual requiring detoxification), Laurence C. Magnant, Lieutenant with the UVM Police Services, said.

These numbers are slightly higher than those from 2006, when, for the same time period, police services reported only 16 alcohol offenses and 7 intoxications.

The number of drug of-

fenses has declined since last year, from 18 to 13.

Whether these numbers indicate a trend for the rest of the semester is hard to know. Dr. Gary Margolis, chief of Police Services at UVM said that it's "too early in the semester to know what the 'biggest' (quality of life) issues are thus far."

"It usually takes a number of weeks to get a handle on the types of behavior, types of attitudes," Walter Decker, Deputy Chief with the Burlington Police Department said.

"Some of the most important variables are weather. This last spring was very cold and wet, the community said that was one of the best springs because the students weren't out."

UVM's dry resident halls policy is one factor that could influence students' alcohol consumption patterns.

Deputy Chief Decker said that the Burlington Police Department is interested in what effect the dry-campus policy might have.

"What we'll be looking at this fall is whether there will be an increase of alcohol issues in the hill sections because of the school's no alcohol policy, looking at whether there is a displacement issue."

So far, their speculations may be true.

James Prendergast, a sophomore from Philadelphia in the Living and Learning No Boundaries program said that he thinks the on-campus party scene might be tamer on cam-

pus this year.

"I notice it more off campus than on campus this year. Last year more people were rushing into the alcohol scene," Prendergast said.

Drew, a freshman from Pennsylvania living in Harris said coming to UVM, he "never expected to party on campus." Drew said he generally goes off campus to party but sometimes pre-games in the dorms.

About 2,800 UVM students live off campus, and many more trek downtown to party, creating potential problems for students and community members alike.

**"If we can help off-campus students get more involved and invested in the neighborhoods where they live we believe that the quality of life in the neighborhoods will increase for everyone."**

**-Jay Taylor, chairman for Student Action**

"We try to put students on notice that sometimes their behavior does impact families, children, people who are trying to sleep at night," Chief Deputy Decker said.

"These aren't necessarily large parties but the street traffic... It comes down to issues of noise and alcohol consumption, open containers and underage drinking. Incidents where people think they can

flagrantly walk down the street with an open container of beer, and that is not the case."

To combat this behavior, Decker said the Burlington Police Department works "to educate, inform and take preventative steps to regulate noise and rowdy behaviors."

The creation of the Office of Student & Community Relations (OSCR) is another approach that UVM has taken to help students impact the community in a positive way. The office was formed in 2006 after the Student Government Association passed a resolution asking for more resources for off-campus students, said Alicia Taylor, a recent UVM graduate who works in the OSCR.

According to Scott McCarty, chairman of the SGA Committee on Legislative Action and co-chair of the Community Coalition, "OSCR provides resources, conflict mediation and neighborhood planning to not only assist students but also city residents."

SGA and the OSCR run the Community Coalition together, "a diverse group of UVM students and administrators, City Hall staff, city councilors, police officers, neighborhood representatives, and landlords," Taylor said. "(The group) meets regularly to create ideas and programs designed to build community and facilitate positive interaction between the university's students and city residents."

The Community Coalition offers a variety of resources, which include an "Off-Campus

Living Survival Guide," and the Student-Neighbor Liason program, which Taylor said gets students and neighbors working together to organize neighborhood clean-ups, art projects, children's storytelling hours & mentoring, cooking classes, community gardens and energy efficiency workshops.

"If we can help off-campus students get more involved and invested in the neighborhoods where they live we believe that the quality of life in the neighborhoods will increase for everyone," Taylor said.

One successful Student-Neighbor Liason project is the Buell street community garden. The garden currently has 12 organic plots with eight neighbor and eight student gardeners, Taylor said.

Other projects range from the OSCR's "New Neighbor Welcome Bags" to the Legislative Action Committee's Off-Campus Living Workshops and Have-a-Heart Campaign, McCarty said.

As freshmen and transfer students get acclimated to life at UVM, and those living off-campus integrate themselves into their neighborhoods, they will all eventually discover the "give and take" nature of student-community relationship.

"Burlington would not be what it is today without UVM," McCarty said. "We need each other because we help each other succeed, grow and prosper."

## McKibben visits Burlington

By MIKE HAULENBEEK  
Senior Staff Writer

Author, educator, environmentalist and Vermont native Bill McKibben spoke at the Unitarian Universalist Church last Friday, Sept. 7.

The event featured local foods from American Flatbread, Shelburne Farms, Vermont Soy, Healthy Living and others. The event was a benefit for Intervale Farms and the Peace and Justice Center.

McKibben covered topics ranging from social justice, local economies, food systems, economic growth, community to climate change and illustrated their interrelatedness.

"Growth isn't working anymore to make us particularly happy or satisfied," McKibben said. "The marginal benefit of my daughter's next Beanie Baby will be next to nothing."

According to one poll, since World War II, people in the U.S. said they were happiest in 1956, McKibben said, but economic wealth in the U.S. has tripled since then.

"More affluence has equaled less community and less connection with other people," McKibben said. "The average American eats half as many meals with other people now as they did 50 years ago." Farmers' markets are the fastest growing section of the economy — at a rate of 12 to 15 percent annually, McKibben said.

"What people are really hungry for is that kind of connection with each other," McKibben said.

There were 1,300 opera houses in Iowa in 1900, McKib-

ben said. "People were not going to see the best musicians in the world every time," he said. "But the gathering of people and community compensated for that."

McKibben said that Vermont has one of the highest numbers of breweries per capita in the U.S.

"Instead of importing all of the barley from England," he said. "Why not grow it ourselves — creating jobs for Vermonters and conserving energy."

"Community is beautiful and powerful, in a very human way," he said. "It is a skill that makes us special as human beings."

McKibben said one solution is to build more institutions that bring people together.

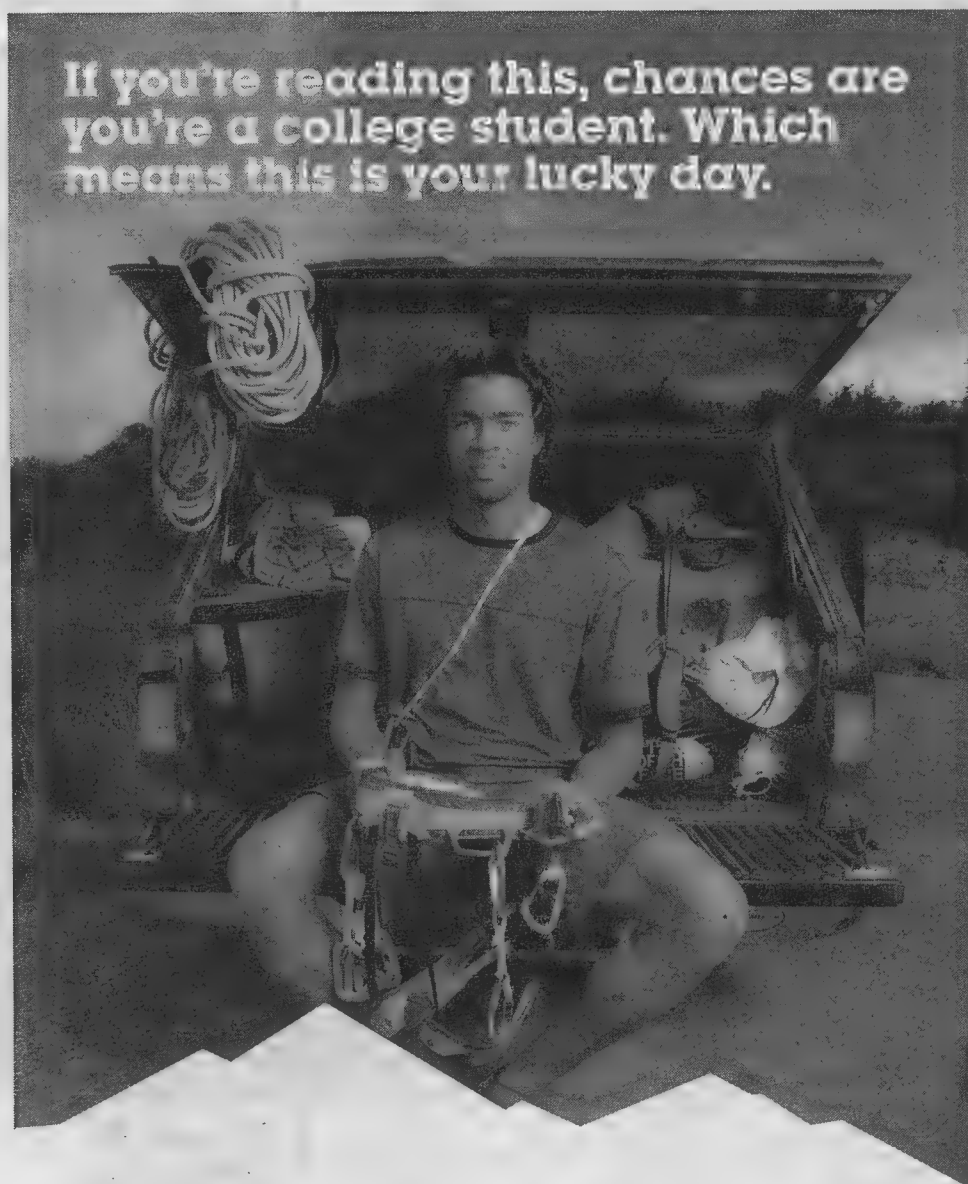
"The Intervale and the Peace and Justice Center are two of the moral lynch-pins in our community," he said.

Last September, McKibben organized a five-day march from Ripton to Burlington to raise awareness for climate change. At the time, it was the largest demonstration the country had seen regarding the issue, he said.

In April 2007, he planned "Step-It-Up" day, where 1,400 demonstrations for climate change took place in all 50 states. "Step-It-Up 2" is planned for Nov. 3.

McKibben has written several books and contributes to various publications.

His first book, *The End of Nature*, published in 1986, was one of the first to bring the issue of climate change to a general audience.



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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Law and Order star in the race for president

After months of testing the political waters, Fred Thompson formally announced his presidential bid on NBC's "Tonight Show" last Wednesday. Thompson, former star of "Law & Order", hopes to catch early leads achieved by Gov. Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani.

### Bush has optimistic outlook on Iraq

President Bush was in Australia last week attending a summit with Asian-Pacific leaders. At the summit, he told the Australian Deputy Prime Minister Mark Vaile that the U.S. is "kicking ass" in Iraq.

### Congress approves financial aid bill

Congress approved a bill last Friday that would increase financial aid for college students by \$20 billion over the next five years. President Bush said he would sign the bill into law this week.

### Air Force flies over U.S. armed for destruction

Last week, an Air Force B52 flew across the central United States with six cruise missiles armed with nuclear warheads, each packing 10 times the power of the Hiroshima bomb. Defense officials said the missiles were mistakenly attached to the airplane's wing.

### Terror plot foiled in Germany

Three suspected terrorists were arrested last week, allegedly plotting car bomb attacks on U.S. troops and other Americans near U.S. military bases and German airports. The men were part of an al-Qaida-linked group, authorities say.

### Hunters slay whale with machine gun

Last week, indigenous hunters shot a whale with a machine gun near Vancouver Island, prompting their arrest last Saturday. Officials say the individuals have treaty rights to kill whales for traditional, sustenance purposes, but the use of a machine gun may not qualify.

### First Lady gets rid of pain in her neck

First Lady Laura Bush underwent surgery last Saturday to relieve pain from a pinched nerve in her neck. Bush has been undergoing physical therapy since she injured nerves in her neck and shoulder while hiking earlier this year.

### Famed tenor dies at 71

Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti, "The King of the High C," died last Thursday at age 71. Thousands attended his funeral, which was held last Saturday in Modena, Italy.

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# With UVM Rescue, students take care of their own



(Tom Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

A UVM Rescue ambulance makes its way across campus.

By JULIA DROST

Cynic Correspondant

Each of the three aspects of the UVM Rescue motto "Pride, Service and Commitment" is demonstrated every day and held to the highest standard by the hard-working members of the University's student-operated rescue squad.

The organization was founded in 1972 by a few student Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) who felt the need for an ambulance service on campus, according to the UVM Rescue Handbook.

To this day, UVM Rescue is an Advanced Life Support

(ALS) Ambulance service that is run entirely by students.

Being run entirely by students means that the rescue squad is not only in charge of providing professional medical assistance to those in need, but the students also do their own scheduling, recruiting, training of new members, recertifications, ordering supplies and making big purchases, such as last spring when the club purchased a brand new ambulance that the group is still very excited about today.

UVM Rescue is located on East Avenue, adjacent to UVM Police Services, with whom they work with in close conjunction.

The squad receives and

responds to all different kinds of emergency calls; everything from alcohol induced emergencies to trauma incidents. The squad also transports patients from the helicopter pad located by the rugby field to Fletcher Allen Hospital.

UVM Rescue's primary service is on campus, but responds to calls from all the surrounding towns in Chittenden County, according to public relations officer and Sophomore Dani Bohrer.

According to members, UVM Rescue is an exciting club to be a part of. One of the aspects that Bohrer really enjoys is the helicopter transports: "I love helicopter calls. We get to see intense patients

that you don't get to see in the field," Bohrer said.

When responding to an emergency call, an ambulance runs with four students ready to assist and care for the patient. Each student has a specific role to play in the ambulance and at the scene. There will be a driver, crew chief, medic and a "fourth", who is a probationary member in training, according to Bohrer.

UVM Rescue is a far from ordinary student organization on campus. It consists of students dedicating countless amounts of their time and energy to saving lives at UVM and all over Chittenden County.

Senior training officer on the squad, Matt Friedman said, "We are the only UVM club here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Holidays, summers, you name it—we're here."

Friedman admits that you need to devote a lot of time to the club, including several nights and weekends. "I'm busy, but this is my priority," Friedman said.

Bohrer explains that rescue members are required to work a minimum of 20 hours per week, with 12 of those hours being a 6 p.m. to six a.m. shift.

The Rescue headquarters includes not only lockers where uniforms are stored, supply rooms and a garage for the ambulance, but also a kitchen, laundry machines, and bunk beds for the students on call throughout the night.

Although this type of commitment is comparable to a part-time job, UVM Rescue is an entirely volunteer based program. Most of the members have in mind future ca-

reers in some aspect of health services, whether it is with Emergency Medical Services (EMS), nursing, or physician care.

When asked to share his rescue experience, senior Jared "Mick" Levesque said that "working on an ambulance gives you the chance to see people at their most stressful and terrified moments. It's really a feel-good and eye-opening experience to help them at these times."

Not only is UVM Rescue unique here on campus, but nationally as well. Bohrer explains that across the country, the majority of colleges respond to emergency calls with a simple medical kit and a car, and then wait for professional backup.

UVM is one of only 11 ALS college squads in the country, which means that UVM Rescue is ranked the same as every ambulance in the local district and responds to calls with a shared level of expertise and experience as town ambulance services.

Becoming a member of the UVM Rescue squad requires no background experience. The club is currently recruiting, and any interested students should contact the Rescue headquarters at 656-4287 to find out when observation hours are available.

To members of UVM rescue it is a rewarding experience for dedicated students. Dani Bohrer said, "I fell into EMS, signed up here, joined and now it has taken over my life in a good way. It's just an amazing group of people. My favorite part of Rescue is learning from my peers and hopefully influencing others."

## WRUV officially opens new station in Davis Center

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO

Cynic Correspondant

Starting off with a grand celebration of free food and bands, WRUV radio plans to improve their station while also adapting to their new environment.

WRUV, 90.1 FM, is known as the only station in the Burlington area to play a wide variety of independent and underground music. The music policy, in fact, states that DJs cannot play songs in current

rotation, including those to ever appear in the Top 100.

"It's a great station to expose yourself to great bands that you otherwise, more than likely, wouldn't have heard," station manager Mandy Sutherland said. The musicians broadcasted on WRUV even feature those that have visited UVM, such as Devandra Banhart and The Flaming Lips.

The radio station recently moved into the Davis Center and is currently still adjusting to the atmosphere. "Our future goals include archiving

our entire library, getting even more involved within the UVM and Burlington community and of course, expanding our listenership," Sutherland said.

This past Saturday, WRUV hosted a dance party to promote the station and their new move. Local rock/ska band, Working Man's Army appeared, as well as two local hip-hop groups, the Ill Intellects and Red Zone. The music did not stop until after one in the morning.

"[The dance party was] a student-oriented night of mu-

sic, food and fun," junior Andrew Weiner said. Weiner is one of the few DJs on WRUV who is a student at Champlain College.

The grand opening is not the only event WRUV plans to sponsor this year. The station intends to host a fundraiser on Oct. 3rd in Billings North Lounge, and is always eager to accept invitations to broadcast for UVM group gatherings.

Those looking to join the station's DJ team can attend training sessions, which are held once every semester. The first of these sessions is sched-

uled for Sunday, Sept. 23.

The training entails shadowing a few of the current 100 DJs, creating a demo tape and broadcasting during the "graveyard" shift from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

With the grand opening ceremony complete, WRUV can look forward to bright new beginnings. "I'm really excited for this upcoming year," Sutherland said, "I'm very fortunate to be Station Manager [and] I have a wonderful exec board that helps me out all the time."

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### BIAS

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of bias-related incidents were LGBTQA students. "Just last year there was a student attacked walking uphill because they, 'looked queer'," she said.

According to the Residential Life Web site, UVM's 129 RAs monitor students in the University's 24 residence halls with the intent of creating a comfortable living environment.

"The goal here is to help show the RAs what a good community is and give them the tools to create it," Cook said.

### GREEK RUSH

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in them to continue leadership and service causes," Monteaux said.

In fact, 80 of these students will be attending a leadership retreat run by the North American Interfraternity Council next month. Joining them will be Greek advisors and leaders from UVM and universities around the country.

"We're trying to defeat stereotypes," Monteaux said.

"Many Greek students are orientation leaders, Trek

leaders, Avocats, etc... which helps promote Greek life's positive image as well as recruitment," she added.

According to their new Web site, UVMgreeklife.com, the 650 members of UVM's eight fraternities and five sororities will be joined by a new fraternity, Delta Tau Delta, next year. The Greek system at UVM was founded in 1836, with three national honors societies.



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quote of the  
week

"For me every day  
is an anniversary  
of September 11."

-Rudy Giuliani

**In defense of reason**Jeremy Standish Spiro-Winn  
Op-Ed Editor

Of the myriad candidates lined up for a presidential election which is still more than a year away, I have found only one whose ideas reflect careful and meaningful thought.

I have found one whose policy preferences are a reflection of the kind of genuine care for the well-being of our nation which produce ideas that eschew so-called "conventional" wisdom.

He is Ron Paul.

Ron Paul is a Republican, but he is conservative in a more true sense than George Bush, John McCain or the other neo-conservatives who have, in his words, "hijacked our foreign policy."

And despite his party affiliation, I think that many members of the this community would find much to agree with in Ron Paul. He opposed the Iraq war from the beginning, for example, favors the liberalization of drug laws and favors gay marriage.

And time after time he rankles with other members of his party jockeying for position in the presidential race. He is reviled by the likes of Rudy Giuliani, who would simplify and corrupt his ar-

guments for a humble foreign policy and I cannot help but feel like, in every one of these debates, his is the sole voice of reason.

This is not to say that there is no legitimate justification for the platforms of the other candidates, but that Ron Paul is the only member of the field that I have recognized to seek to illustrate his ideas through reasoned argument, rather than rhetoric. Yet his is consistently ignored.

Many of his ideas, among them the dismantling of the IRS and the Department of Education, seem unfeasible, yet an attentive examination of his rational proves him remarkably reasoned, if not convincing.

At the very least the expression of radical ideas reveals a serious mind at work. While a lazy brain will fall back, time and time again, to the ideas espoused only by those in the main stream, an individual engaged in thought will come up with new and creative solutions to the problems that it tackles. Think of Einstein rejecting conventional physics. Think of our

founding fathers embarking upon their, or should I say *our*, great experiment.

And I find the remarkably consistent platforms of the other candidates a reflection of this notion. Because they refuse to entertain genuine intellectual efforts, their positions are easy to digest, but stagnant and spoiled. They add nothing to the debate.

On the other end of the spectrum, Ron Paul holds ideas that are easy to label as "crazy," but which reveal an engaged and intelligent mind.

And just as it was not easy for Einstein to convince his peers of the truth of his great new ideas, it will not be easy for Ron Paul. But our faith must lie in the belief that the power of reason will always prevail, the best ideas will rise to the surface, and that the collective will of America can still produce good decisions.

So pay attention! Your participation in the great deliberative process will only be meaningful if you have been won over by reason.

**Leave the hipness out of African aid**Connor Boals  
Features Editor

T-shirts, jewelry and the ever-hip accessory, the iPod, are all adorned with colorful expressions of how generous our society is in its compassion for our ailing friends on the impoverished African continent.

You have to hand it to the marketing geniuses who made "saving" Africa sexy. It's well known that college is the time where we become aware of the greater world around us and begin to champion for a cause that suits our fancy, and Africa is just so hot right now!

The campaigns are not entirely futile, and the charitable funds raised from these products do truly go to African relief organizations of varied causes, but they also waste a lot of time and energy.

The millions of dollars invested into promoting these items seem counter-productive, when only a percentage of the revenues actually make it to Afri-

can soil. Bono, it seems may have lost control of the sexified relief train.

But what about the Africans? Would they give you a thankful hug for buying that iPod? You, the stylish savior of nations, have been brainwashed.

These promotions, grouped with headlines like "Will Brangelina Save African Nation?", countless photos of gun-toting children and flies buzzing emaciated bodies further perpetuate the stereotype that the entire continent of Africa is one despondent mess after another that truly cannot live with out us, the cultured college student.

Maybe we're dealing with a newly acquired colonial guilt, anthropology and ethnic studies courses, but when those grateful villagers performed for you on your semester abroad, you still eventually left them to go home to the comforts of the western world.

Think about the collective self es-

teem of these various nations. The west, with its shiny gadgets and chic clothing, has tricked itself into thinking that buying products made in factories in Asia can end wars, droughts and corruption in Africa.

And what about Africa? Do you think they walk a little taller knowing that we are saving them one iPod at a time?

As the saying goes "Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime." Its time to support Africa's self-determinacy.

We should support policies that acknowledge African nations as capable members of the global community that, through fair and equal partnerships with nations and the industries they harbor, can establish themselves as a valuable asset to the greater whole.

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## A Whole New World

With new eateries, revamped ones and old favorites, a *Cynic* editor scopes out the options ... on a budget

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The Fitid crew is open for business, bring in this article for 10 percent off your purchase.

## A New Era in Burlington

By ROBERT DOWNEY

Senior Staff Writer

At 160 Main St. above Ruben James and Kountry Kart Deli, Fitid is the latest edition to Burlington's high end hip hop fashion scene.

Made up of almost completely limited-run New Era fitted baseball caps as well as brims by Coal and Goorin Brothers in a variation of styles, Fitid is quite a bit more than meets the eye.

In the space that used to house Flex Records, The Cause and L Burners, Fitid's interior, designed largely by the store's owner Connor McKenna and friends, lends itself to one adjective and one adjective only — Swank — with a capitol S.

Painted in rich blues, and reds with gold trim, the space is a thesis in aesthetically pleasing textures, from the

hats themselves in repeating logos and patterns, to the floor, which Connor added himself.

Fitid opened two Fridays ago on Aug. 31 and whilst the main space is near completion, the smaller stores in it's periphery still have a way to go.

Fitid, is in fact not exclusively Fitid, but rather also home to two smaller businesses which share the same floor above the two popular late-night spots.

Housed across the hall is a T-shirt shop and silk-screening press called T-Spot, which, for a \$55 screening fee, will print anywhere from one to thousands of your very own custom order shirts at \$5 a pop.

Adjacent to this room in an even smaller one is Cameo, a vintage and original jewelry

store that will hopefully be up and running in October. Cameo's owner is Rikki Thiel and T-Spot's is Jake Grossman.

McKenna, who graduated from UVM in 2005 as a business-turned philosophy major, has lived in Burlington since his freshman year; he is 24.

"A lot of my friends are in Brooklyn," he said, "which is where I guess I was supposed to go, but as far as I'm concerned, Burlington is the place to be, I really like it here, it's up and coming."

Indeed, McKenna's sentiments echo those of many of Burlington's independent business owners.

"I have the latest in accounting and business software," he said, "I want to get it right from the start," a value he attributes to UVM,

specifically Dr. Cats Birrell who taught him when he was here.

McKenna's ambition is not only profit oriented, he hopes to serve as a sort of facilitator for smaller local start-ups at an affordable price — a bit of that UVM self-sustainable mentality creeping into his business model.

"I also give a percentage of profits to organizations fighting cancer," he said.

Aside from hats for men and women, Fitid also doubles as an art gallery currently hanging paintings by two artists, Pete Donin and "Davin" which range from \$20 to \$500. Hats are from \$35 to \$125 and feature gems repping the Yankees, Boston and Oakland with more coming soon.

When asked, "Why hats?" McKenna replied, "Because everybody's got a head."

## Lou's News

ACCESS launches program for individuals "challenged" at meeting girls.

A Not News Report by Louis Armistead

The UVM ACCESS program, known primarily for its educational support services for students with disabilities, will now be providing accommodations to the Universities' men who are "disabled" when it comes to meeting girls.



This program will be aimed at providing "game-challenged" gentlemen with the necessary accommodations to get girlfriends on the same level as their fellow male students.

Male students who feel that they qualify for these services will set up appointments to meet with ACCESS advisors, who will then assess just what exactly it is that is keeping young men from hooking up with girls at the University. Then, if they are deemed truly challenged in this area, they will then be provided with a wide range of accommodations.

For instance, should one of these disadvantaged fellows have trouble talking to girls at a bar, he can simply show their ACCESS accommodation letter, and they will be given time-and-a-half to finish his pick-up line.

If he is too broke to buy girls drinks, then he will be given financial aid. In some cases, ACCESS will even provide fully trained wingmen who receive work-study credits to talk the men up to increase a girl's interest in them. To insure, the program is effective, there will also be weekly seminars to track progress.

"Everyone approaches talking to girls differently," said Charles Archforth, an ACCESS administrator who championed the program.

"Just because a guy fumbles while flirting, it doesn't mean he shouldn't be able to hook up eventually. This is why we aim to showcase our advisees' other talents to see if that will work," Archforth said.

While this program will focus on assisting those who are "pick-up challenged," it does not guarantee intimate liaisons for its advisees.

"Our advisees will have to work just as hard as everyone else to pick-up girls," said one ACCESS administrator. "We will just be enhancing other skills that they already have in order to help ensure an even playing ground."

Despite its intention of equal opportunity, it has been met with some opposition.

"This program is biased and unfair!" said one student. "No one should be given special treatment when picking up girls! It's hard enough as it is! We can't be competing with University-funded wing men!"

The females at the university have been asked about this as well.

"Not much has changed," one female UVM student said.

"It just sucks having to put a signature on a form every time I turn one of these guys down. The wingmen are pretty cute though."

## The College Life: A recipe for disaster

By SUSAN FLUFFERTON

Cynic Correspondent

Combine my hectic move-in with a dash of parking tickets and the resulting mixture didn't amount to 'the Best Week Ever.'

Sift in equal parts boy drama and it being that time of the month, and the result was yours truly in raging-bitch mode.

Following a tumultuous weekend, I decided upon a plan to de-stress: cooking dinner for my roommates and myself.

This fantastic and oh-so-simple plan would kill two birds with one stone.

First, I would benefit from the fun-filled Rachael Ray experience. Second, I would win back the love of my roommates who weren't my biggest fans at the time.

Explanation: On Saturday night not only did I dump a beer on my female roommates' boyfriend, I also drunkenly coerced my male roommate into funneling vodka. (I told him it was foam.)

Let's just say I had some ass to kiss.

Easy solution: They love food, and this was the perfect way to make it up to them.

And I am borderline obsessed with watching the Food Network; how could this be any different?

I decided on a chicken and pasta dish straight out of "30-Minute Meals." I went food shopping, cursed the \$40 I spent, and then put on my apron and got started.

First of all, have you ever touched raw chicken? The chicken I walked out of the market with didn't look like the kind Rachel pulls out of her fridge.

Once I got beyond my chicken-texture issues, things started going smoothly. Then I realized that while I had all the major

ingredients, I didn't have any salt, pepper or spices.

Shouldn't apartments come stocked with these things? We always have them at my house and I've never actually seen my mom buy them. So I just assumed...

I soon overcame that hurdle, and figured out the possessed burners on my 1970's electric stove.

I had my sauce simmering and my pasta boiling when one of my roommates came home.

She was so excited about a home-cooked meal she forgot that I threw a beer at her boyfriend and called him a d-bag for no reason at all.

She decided to join me on the Debbie-do-gooder train and pick up our third roommate from work.

Since I was parked behind her in our cute (see: evil) driveway I grabbed my spare keys to move my car.

Though I was just running outside to the driveway I slammed the door behind us because I fear Burlington criminals (see: homeless people).

As the door shut (I swear it was in slow motion) we both screamed "No!"

Being the geniuses that we are, we had both grabbed our spare keys which are sans house keys.

And whatever inane builder created our ridiculously small driveway also put that "special" lock on the door that makes the door automatically lock when you shut it.

I believe it is actually physically impossible to unlock it. Being that I have a slow learning curve, I had already locked myself out numerous times.

But usually someone was inside and usually my picture-perfect, Food Network dinner wasn't boiling on the stove. We surveyed sites to break it. None.

Again, I commend the builder on the storm windows.

We rushed and picked up our third roommate, and got back inside before my apartment burned down. At least we found out the smoke detectors worked.

In the end we all enjoyed a lovely dinner of mushy pasta and burned sauce that Giada would have laughed at.

I guess what matters are my roommates appreciated the thought and forgave me.

And I learned that the joy of watching Food Network ≠ cooking dinner.

Next time if I want to impress, I'll order take-out.



## "That's what she said ..."

Sex and relationship advice with Dr. Laura

Dear Laura:

My new guy and I have done everything else and the time has come for 69. I've never done it in any of my past relationships, but my new guy definitely wants to and I think it could be fun. I think maneuvering myself could get a little weird. How do I avoid the awkwardness of the numbers game?

- Stuck at 68

Dear Stuck:

You make 69 sound about as exciting as writing your first paper of the semester. Sure it's natural to be nervous about something new, but 69 is an amazing sexual experience that everyone should try their hand (or mouth) at.

Broadening your horizons in the bedroom should be a turn-on, not something that stresses you out.

First off, I believe there is a major miscommunication between men and women when it comes to 69.

I'm thinking that the 'awkwardness' you're referring to is the positioning of 69. It can be a little cumbersome to get into, but just shake it off. Here's why:

Mid-hookup there are so many other things going on in a guy's mind that the last thing he is thinking about is if you are gracefully turning around.

I know plenty of girls who don't like the idea of having their va-jay-jay in full view of their guys' face.

But again trust me; there is nothing a guy likes better.

So next time you're hooking up and he suggests 69, forget your inhibitions and remember that all your concerns are only in your head.

If you and this guy have been hooking up for a while, he obviously thinks you're attractive, and considers the idea of your butt in his face nothing but sexy.

But hey, if you're that worried about the awkwardness of the positioning, tell him to get on top. But I wouldn't recommend it.

Send your sex, love or relationship questions to [dearth-at-whatshesaid@gmail.com](mailto:dearth-at-whatshesaid@gmail.com)

## Cat Food

### Simple Chili Enchiladas

Cheap Cuisine with Hayley Johnston

Ingredients:

Cheddar Cheese  
Three Corn Tortillas  
One can of Wolf Brand Chili  
Salsa  
Sour Cream  
Microwave

First, shred the cheese and roll it in one of the tortillas. Repeat with the rest of the tortillas and place on safe plate.

Carefully open the can of chili without cutting yourself on the edge of the can lid. Pour desired amount of chili over rolls. Microwave for two minutes. Top with additional shredded cheese, sour cream, and salsa if desired. Consume.

To all brave cooking souls, good luck!

# FACES IN THE CROWD



Name: Phil Suckerman

Age: 19

Hometown: NYC

Favorite place to chill: The picnic table behind WDW

Last Book You Read:

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" by J.K. Rowling

Last Song you Listened to:

"All Things You Are" by Charlie Parker

What is the meaning of life:

"I'll let you know when I find out"

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:

"Living back in the city"

If you could be any animal: "Meerkat, cause they look like they have a lot of fun."

Words by: Jessica Bartlett

Marilyn Metzger

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Snohomish, Washington

The 4th floor of the Davis Center  
"Lying in Weight" by Trisha Gura

"How's It Going To Be" by Third Eye Blind

Getting out there, meeting new people and having fun.

A successful

clinical psychologist in NYC

Elephant

Words by: Lauren Zanedis



As students ranging from freshman to seniors began their first week of classes and realized exactly how much free time they had, the University offered the perfect opportunity to get involved. On Sept. 5 from 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. students gathered outside the Davis Center to sample the wide variety of clubs and activities offered at UVM and around the Burlington area.

Words by: Danielle Labrovic

(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)



# Making your dollar last on campus

story by Connor Boals  
photos by Liz Crawford

## "Would you like a side with that?"

We have several options," asked the cashier at Brennan's Pub. Before he could list them, I cut him off. "No thanks, I'm on a budget." My cheese quesadilla, the cheapest meal on the menu, was already going to be considered a splurge in my monetary terms. French fries, those crispy golden staples of temptation, were just too far to reach.

Why this punishment? I'm no masochist, but money, it seems, does not grow on trees. With uncharacteristic foresight, I decided that instead of milking my summer funds unabashedly until they quickly dried up, some self-imposed spending guidelines were in order. So where to start? Movie tickets? CDs? Not important enough. I needed to limit something more vital. But of course – food! My logic is impeccable.

**The mission: \$60 and four days to indulge in as much on-campus dining as possible without going broke.**



The author conducts "research" on a Philly chessesteak.

## strategy #1

The first plan: micro-meals. Cheap, small eats, multiple times a day to keep my hunger at bay. I hit the Marché for some yogurt for breakfast, a bag of peanuts from Cat Pause mid-morning, apple and pretzels at Waterman Café for lunch. For the rest of the day, I stocked up on grapes, granola bars, and a cookie before Alice's closed and hoped to last until my head hit the pillow, all with 12 cents to spare.

Strategy successful! However, an hour into my peaceful, golden slumber, I lurched awake to a deathly howl. What kind of monstrosity could produce such a terrible tone? It appeared that munching like a finicky squirrel all day long on the fruit, nuts and grains of the Earth couldn't cut it in the final hour. Besides, the stress of managing my snacking routine between classes, homework and the all-important Entourage DVD marathon was going to be a daunting task.



## strategy

## #2

Trickery. My stomach and I had become mortal enemies and it appeared it was going to be a more spirited foe. By setting my alarm 15 minutes before class started, I could focus on rushing to class, thus skipping breakfast and pooling my funds into two heftier meals at lunch and dinner.

I think my lack of nutrition blurred my judgment, because halfway through American Lit, that all too familiar growling ruckus set in. I stared intently at my notebook, hoping that the discerning ears of my classmates couldn't pin the disruption on me. Only two more classes until I could get a shot at eating again.

Lunch finally came, and I jumped into my meal like a ravished dog tearing through the neighborhood trashcan. Hunched over in the Davis Center, I knew it was time to head back to the war room and think smart. If my budget wasn't so tight, I may have even picked up a subscription to Healthy Living to beef up on the subject and arm myself against my digestive system.

I cooled my head over a burrito from New World Tortilla, sour cream, cheese and pinto beans coated my stomach, allowing me to collect myself and draw up a more solid plan. I was sticking to the budget, but my digestion had gone haywire and had taken my sanity hostage.

## strategy

## #3

So I devised a plan; eat three solid meals a day, the healthy standard. I judiciously chose meals that qualified as filling as well as kind to my thinly padded wallet. It was tough, but with a cool head, I was able to stay on top of my cuisine woes. My most crucial sidekick, a full Nalgene, was constantly at my side, a big swig always came in handy to combat hunger pangs. Plus, water is always free so I could focus my resources on solid food.

Campus dining is fairly diverse and with three meals a day, a student can cover a lot of ground. So which places should a penny pincher frequent and which ones should they avoid? Breakfast is the easiest, but most important meal of the day. Alice's Café has yogurt, granola and tons of bagel options that will start you off on the right foot. But if you aren't an early riser, just grab something light anywhere and you should be set.

The lunch and dinner circuit has several strong competitors, so I suggest diversity. Endure the lines at New World Tortilla at least once a week and grab a black bean and cheese burrito for \$5.35 and you won't be sorry. Just give yourself enough time to eat the monster and fully digest it. The salad bar at the Simpson Store is a steal, no matter how much you load up on the good green stuff, I guarantee you won't break the bank.



A Philly cheese steak from the Pam's Deli cart is sure to delight the taste buds, but the best bang

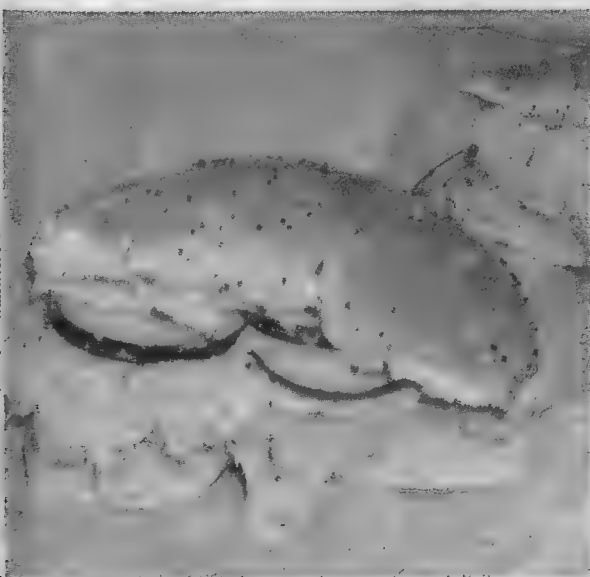
for your buck curbside on University Place is the \$5 special at Blondini's. Mr. Lincoln gets you a cheeseburger, fries and soda – a generous meal that is definitely economical.



Dining locations that should be saved for the rare occurrence that you pocket some extra cash are the more elegant meals at Waterman Manor, wings or burgers at Brennan's Pub, flank steak dinner at the Marché and the exotic eastern flavors of the Indian cuisine at the Marketplace on the second floor of the Davis Center

## tips.

These tips must be handled with care. If abused, you could find yourself dining on Marché mac n' cheese too frequently, causing unpleasant changes in digestion, body weight and popularity with your peers (let's face it, the stuff is delicious, but that squishing noise it makes is borderline appalling). Budget wisely, leave adequate room for your fruits and veggies, and drink lots of water – make mom proud. Finally, treat yourself every once and a while and give in to the beckoning allure of french fries – we all deserve it.



Top: Tuna on an everything bagel, the perfect make-out meal.

Right: Worth the wait at New World.



# Interview with Piers Faccini

Interview by LINDA DRYDEN

Staff Writer

Piers Faccini has been touring on and off with Ben Harper for over a year. Born in London, Faccini grew up in France and later returned to London to attend school. He first appeared on the music scene in London, when he co-founded the acoustic group, Charley Marlowe, in 1997. The band had a unique way of combining poetry and music and played until 2001, when Faccini decided he wanted to create his own music. In 2004, the French Bleu Electric label released his first solo album, "Leave No Trace." Faccini moved on to sign with Everloving Records and JP Plunier (Jack Johnson/Ben Harper) produced his second album, "Tearing Sky," in the fall of 2006. The sound of his acoustic guitar is accompanied by a calm and soothing vocal style with a European influence.

**VC: What inspired you to write your own music?**

PF: I needed a way to express myself. You have experiences and it's almost like those experiences were inside of you. To me, making music and painting was something almost like a way of surviving.



(Photo: Jean Baptiste Mondino)

An interview with up-and-coming star Piers Faccini, on tour opening for Ben Harper.

**VC: What type of music did you listen to while growing up?**

PF: My first kind of love were people like Bob Marley and David Bowie and The Smiths. I listened a lot to The Smiths. My first band actually used to play a lot of Smiths' songs. And after that I discovered traditional music from around the world and folk music from around the world. I got into rural Mississippi blues like Mississippi John Hurt, Pickett James, Robert Johnson, and all those kind of early American music. I also got really into African music. I listened to a lot of West African music particularly.

**VC: Does that music have any influence on your music today?**

PF: There's no one alive that is a musician that's not influenced by what they first listened to. It's like the music you listen to creates the pallet that you then use to paint your own pictures with. It's not invented. There's no one that invents their music. The music comes from somewhere and then you invent your own tradition. Then after that you make your own variation and style. But the style that you come from, all those colors and those different influences, are still there in your music but you switch them around. And that's what makes original music, the fact that you flip it.

**VC: What was it like growing up in Europe? How did that affect you?**

PF: I had two very different experiences. One was like an old-fashioned, picture perfect childhood in the countryside in France in the vineyards. And then the flipside of that was going to school

in London and being in a huge city and in a harder environment since you're exposed to a lot of disdain and a lot of different aspects of culture.

**VC: How did you get connected with Everloving Records?**

PF: JP Plunier produced the record. He heard my first album and really liked it and he came to hear me play live and liked it even more. I played him my new songs that I wanted to put on the second album, "Tearing Sky," and he really liked them. We got along really well and then we were in the studio together.

**VC: What type of vibe do you go for when writing your music?**

PF: Something quite intimate, but at the same time quite dynamic; and also a sense that what I play live is about something that we all have in common. The songs are about living; they're about everyday living experiences and what it is to be in this world. I'm not imposing my own experiences on people, I'm more there to see if we have something in common and to share.

**VC: Are there major differences in your two albums? How did you approach the recording process differently for your two albums?**

PF: There are differences in the writing since the writing is always evolving. The way in which the two albums were actually recorded are not that different because they were both recorded in a very short period of time without any type of computers or editing. They are very real albums in a way; they are not touched up or anything. That's just the way I like to work. The first album was done in five days and the second album was done in 12 days.

**VC: What was it like working with so many talented and critically acclaimed artists like Ben Harper on "Tearing Sky"?**

PF: It was not a complicated arrangement because as far as I'm concerned JP was producing the record and I wrote the songs and I arranged them myself. I knew exactly what I wanted from people whether they were a big thing or not. I don't mean to sound presumptuous but it's still my music and I knew exactly how I wanted it to sound. And I was able to work with musicians who understood that and who could get the most out of it. Working with Ben Harper to me was like getting his blessing. It was his way of saying, "I love what you do and I want to be part of this album." So that was something I was really grateful for, it was cool.

**VC: What is it like touring with Ben Harper? How long have you been touring with him?**

PF: We've been touring on and off for over a year. This is the first time I've toured with him in the states, but I've been touring all over Europe and Australia. He's really welcomed me into the family; it feels like a big family. We get along really well and he often invites to come sing on stage with him. There's a good vibe. We have a lot in common and now there's a very nice friendship that has evolved. I'm really glad to be on this tour. It's a great stroke of luck.

**VC: You've performed in many different countries. How do the music scenes compare?**

PF: Every country is different. You can write the same song in the same way and it will be received and understood and felt in different ways in every country. A lot of that has to do with the language. In a lot of countries people don't speak English so they are only hearing the music and unless they're hearing the music in a different way, they are interpreting the songs in a different way. Some countries are more listening-oriented and others are more noisy, so it really changes from place to place and city to city.



(Rachel Whelan / Vermont Cynic)

Visitors of the South End Arts and Business Association's fifteenth annual Art Hop browse Isaac Wasuck's work.

## What's poppin' at the Art Hop

Review by MEGHAN ORETSKY

Senior Staff Writer

Thousands waded through the humid heat this past weekend to exercise the left sides of their brain at Burlington's 15th annual South End Art Hop.

Featuring the works of eccentric artists from Burlington and worldwide, the pieces included sculptures, paintings, jewelry, drawings, theatre and photography along the stretch of Pine street and the surrounding area.

Artists John Lafalce and Drew Luan presented their political opinions through their art, offering spectators the chance to deep-fry their literature for \$10 and seal it in plastic forever.

The idea was inspired by the unhealthy eating habits of the average American, and their ironic impatience towards intellectual stimulation through sitting and reading. Providing literal food for thought, they believed, could inspire a TV or two to flicker off for a night.

For a more abstract presentation, one could find Isaac Wasuck's series of oil paintings about gender and the cycles of life in a cool, stark white room of the Soda Plant on Pine Street.

Featuring images of pink babies baring their intestines, women with mussed hair and purple under-eye marks, and a tribute to the related pains felt in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," Wasuck stood close to his room and, always smiling, hovered about the people trying to translate his creations.

Past Karen Geiger's enlarged movie stills of women in film and Hing Kur's beautiful black & white snapshots of Church street, Hal Mayforth's own room upstairs contained a generous amount of his comical illustrations of acrylic and watercolor paint on wood.

Having grown up in Vermont, Mayforth received some of his inspiration from something pretty close to home.

"I went to *The Cynic* in '71 or '72 and I showed them my cartoons and they said 'Your cartoons aren't funny' ... so my whole career has been based on showing *The Cynic* that they were wrong."

Since his days as a Cynic-wannabe, Mayforth has been featured in such publications as *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Sports Illustrated*.

His brainchildren include colorful symbols (like alphabet rejects) with two eyes each, signature little men with big noses, "The Bad Posture Boogaloo" and a blue dog "unencumbered by critical thought."

Concluding its 3-day run on a rainy Sunday, the Art Hop provided enough artistic sparks to keep us thinking and making for another year.

"I was definitely inspired because as soon as I got home I started painting," reflected UVM sophomore Dakota Johnston, herself a contributing campus artist as a member of L/L's Art of Photo suite.

"I thought that the balance of all of the different mediums of art was pretty cool. I liked the snacks, too."

## A taste of Redstone

By JESSICA BARTLETT

Senior Staff Writer

A close cousin of last year's Wednesday Night Jams, A Taste of Redstone turned out to be just as fun and entertaining.

Although a little chilly, the free food, live music and henna tattoos more than made up for the weather. People eating fried chicken and Indian food lounged around as some partook in volley ball, hula hoop and soccer. Others just relaxed on the green, listening to the performers.

A wide array of music, from gypsy jazz, to rock, performed on the walkway outside of Simpson that doubled as a stage.

Bands familiar to campus, such as Object 3 and The Marigolds,

entertained the crowd with catchy melodies and clever lyrics. First time performers also entertained with renditions of "Message in a Bottle" by The Police, in addition to performing other well known songs.

Soon after the sun set, the show moved to a more low-key event indoors. RAs handed out free ice cream as even more musicians performed jazz and acoustic music to the accompaniment of colored lights.

One thing is for sure: UVM has talent.

Hopefully soon to be a regular occurrence on campus, A Taste of Redstone is a classy alternative to an otherwise dull Wednesday night, and definitely something to look out for.



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## Burlington book festival

By BRETT BURK

Staff Writer

Burlington's third annual book festival will be held from Sept. 14 to the 16. There will be readings, discussions and signings with many contemporary authors, including one of fiction's rock stars, Joyce Carol Oates, winner of the National Book Award for her novel "Them."

The many events will spring up all over Burlington; well-renowned authors from around the world will be appearing at Borders, there will be cooking demonstrations from the world's premiere cookbook authors at City

Market, and if you're willing to pay the admission fee (\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door) you're sure to find a laugh at the Onion's "State of the Onion" address at the Waterfront Theater.

This year's festival is a production of Burlington Magazine and The Stern Center for Language and Learning in association with Ben & Jerry's, Seven Days, Main Street Landing and WCAX TV. For more information on the festival, check out their Web site at <http://www.burlington-bookfestival.com>. To pick up tickets for the Onion's "State of the Onion" presentation, head over to City Market or Borders.

## Galifianakis graces UVM

By HAYLLEY JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Although Patrick Gym was particularly sweltering last Monday night, the 8 p.m. performance of Zach Galifianakis took the heat.

Shane Mauss, a growing comedian recently seen on Conan O'Brien, opened. Standup comedy can sometimes be awkward, but I found his act a pleasant surprise. While he poked fun at his Wisconsin background and his vegan friend in a hysterical bout of humor, Mauss never took his jokes so far that anyone would be offended. The truthfulness of his jokes made them believable and a perfect prelude to the main performance.

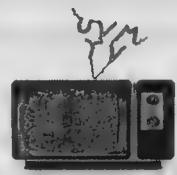
The transition from Mauss to Galifianakis was speedy and effective with a quick background lighting change to blue, a soothing color soon to be paired against Galifianakis' loud, quick-witted humor. As soon as he took the stage, the gym filled with peals of laughter at his self-mocking jokes. He used his somewhat unusual physical appearance as good support.

Galifianakis' cunning humor was vaguely offensive

at points, but he managed to amuse the majority of the audience by not targeting any single group. He made fun of many of the common stereotypes, thus keeping his jokes from falling over the edge into the politically unacceptable.

One of the most intriguing aspects of the performance, albeit a bit strange, was Galifianakis' pairing of his piano playing with his raucous humor. The contrast of his loud and random outbursts of humor against the calm, classical melody was disconcerting, yet the musical opposite heightened the impact of his jokes on the audience, driving his social commentary home.

Galifianakis' commentary could not be complete until he addressed the political establishment, and we all know how funny that can be. It is particularly amusing when the person presenting their opinion is wearing a Shirley Templesque dress, lip-syncing "Tomorrow," while simultaneously revealing the corruption within the government on a large white paper pad in black Sharpie marker — the ultimate in multitasking humor and a perfect ending.



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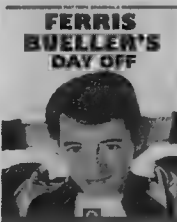
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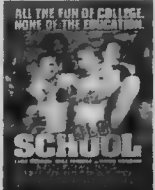
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# critical thinking

## A Big Apple classic



Liars  
s/t  
(Mute)



Imagine an album that satisfies the inner head banger, the hipster head bopper, the cheesy romantic and everyone in between. The

Liars' self-titled fourth album is an eclectic mess of different beats and sounds, possibly confusing the first time through, but a worthwhile listen nonetheless.

Originally from NYC, the Liars learned to tone down their abrasive edge for their latest album, and turn out something accessible to a larger audience.

While the first track, "Plaster Casts of Everything," is clearly a continuation of the band's older, edgier sound, the album unfolds well with tracks for the whole family.

In "Sailing to Byzantine," the band softens up their

sound with front man Angus Andrews delivering lyrics in a light singsong voice atypical to the rest of the album. It has the feeling of a solid Yeah Yeah Yeahs song, if sung by a dude.

To Liars fans looking for their steady and tough older beats to rock out to, you'll find them on tracks "What Would They Know" and "Freak Out."

The trio delivers them with confidence, and their experience shows through.

They round off the album well by branching off into yet another genre with "The Dumb in the Rain," successfully experimenting with noise and reverberating beats to create a noise-rock epic.

Album  
Review  
•  
Emily  
Piccone

## Eighth album short and sweet

Super Furry Animals returns with their shortest album yet, "Hey Venus!"

After an introductory 43 second track, the second track presents a story and sounds very much like the Pink Mountaintops' song "Tourist in Your Town."

In fact, lead singer Gruff Rhys admits that the album was originally a pseudo-concept album about a char-

acter named Venus and her adventures.

This album has a very "pop" sound and through its use of horns, bells and synthesizers, it has an Apples in Stereo air to it, sounding not unlike something out of the psychedelic era.

The band did a good job at maintaining their style while simultaneously giving each song its own personality. Chances are if you liked their first album "Fuzzy Logic," you'll enjoy this one!



Super Furry Animals  
Hey Venus!  
(Rough Trade)



## Just one thing, it's easy to love it

Amerie's latest album "Because I Love It" puts a new twist on traditional hip hop and R&B, setting powerhouse vocals against a mixture of big band jazz, funky dance beats and '80s-influenced synthesizers.

Its infectious melodies and catchy choruses make this album ideal for a night out, with energy-packed tracks like "Take Control" and "Gotta Work." The album also includes a newly edited jazz-inspired version of "1 Thing," a refreshing

spin on Amerie's original dance hit.

Even if the lyrics are a bit shallow, the unique combination of old school pop influenced by Janet Jackson and Madonna with modern hip hop a la Gwen Stefani and Beyoncé really makes the album worth listening to.

There are the token R&B ballads as well, but Amerie's stunning voice helps to make them not so cliché.

"Because I Love It" delivers when it comes to providing impressive vocals in the form of fun listening.



Amerie  
Because I Love It  
(Sony Urban)



## Open for listening

Talib Kweli has earned his stripes as a wordsmith, uniting the mainstream and the underground with his stylish staccato flow, clever metaphors and conscious message.

Although he has gained mainstream success and notoriety with his more recent

releases, "Quality" and "The Beautiful Struggle," he has suffered critically in comparison to his breakout solo "Train of Thought," and his group ef-

forts with Mos Def as the duo, Blackstar.

"Eardrum" doesn't have the solid consistency of an album; the cuts come together in more of a mixtape style, with nearly each song showcasing Kweli's ability to shine in various environments.

"Country Cousins" pairs him with Houston heavyweights UGK over a funky down-home beat. He tones it



Talib Kweli  
Eardrum  
(Blacksmith Music)



down a bit as Norah Jones croons for him on "Soon the New Day."

The record is guest-heavy with spots by Kanye West, KRS-One, Jean Grae and many more. But Kweli rises above the rest with this impressive effort.

## Classic country returns

Lyle Lovett, the summer concert equivalent of Dave Matthews for those 40+, strikes again with his newest album, "It's Not Big It's Large."

The album, like many of his previous albums, has some of the southern twang you'd expect from this country favorite, but "It's Not Big It's Large" expands on that sound and adds a jazzy touch to his repertoire.

The album kicks it off with "Tickle Toe" a song with a groove so jazzy you'd expect to hear it in the soundtrack to "Swingers."

It's certainly not the average Lovett album. He marches on to a slew of faux-spiritual, countryesque tunes that get you ready for your local revival meeting. Later in the album, Lovett detours again and focuses on a deeper more soulful sound in "No Big Deal."



Lyle Lovett  
It's Not Big It's Large  
(Lost Highway)



Overall the album brings back a lot of the classic sounds of Lovett, but injects every now and then a funky groove unexpected from one of the strangest looking men around.

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# Letters To The Editor

## Big ideals

As my philosophy class discussed the differences between idealism, the pursuit of excellence or perfection and realism, the acceptance that life isn't perfect and the truth is cold and hard, I began to think about how much these ancient principles affect us even today.

I learned that the main difference was that, unlike the more modern principles of realism, idealism dates back to ancient Greece, time when they traveled by chariot, communicated through messengers, and their fashions were considerably less complicated as they roamed the streets dressed in sheets. Our professor told us that idealism had been pushed away to be replaced by realism during a time dominated by BMWs, cell phones and Gucci dresses.

It may in fact be that the pursuit of an ideal is even more prevalent now than in the time of Plato. Yet instead of being preached to by scholars, we find ourselves persuaded by the likes of MTV, multi-million dollar motion pictures, and magazine writers who are paid by the word to tell us how to look and act. You may be shaking your head thinking that especially in college life, one is more affected by or accepting of life's imperfections, but I beg to differ.

Even while showering

**Instead of being preached to by scholars, we find ourselves persuaded by the likes of MTV, multi-million dollar motion pictures, and magazine writers**

in a 2 by 2 foot space wearing sandals to prevent foot fungus, I find that desires of perfection still prevail. But how couldn't they when all over the media I am told that I am not thin enough or wealthy enough and that my hand bag is SO last season.

There are fewer beards and the togas are extinct, but most people still do not want to accept reality. They do not want to accept that they must work for what they want, accept the body that one was born with, or deal with life being, well, difficult.

People have this unrealistic view in their heads about the way things should be and are willing to completely change themselves in order to achieve perfection, whether it be through plastic surgery or extreme dieting, or even their beliefs.

Is this ideal of perfection really worth it? Is it really worth it to completely change who you are in order to be like everyone else, to be that person that everyone says you should be. Is living to be perfect really ideal at all?

Sincerely,

Kelly Macken

I am writing this letter to express the frustration and embarrassment I felt upon reading the "satire" of Ishmael Beah's book that was featured in your Aug. 28th issue.

I found it extremely disrespectful not only of Ishmael Beah as a person, but also of his experiences and the experiences of so many other people who have witnessed hatred, violence and suffering firsthand.

Beah was invited to our campus to share his experiences with us, and I feel embarrassed that *The Cynic* staff, as representatives of the student body, would publish something containing such outright racism and contempt towards a guest of ours.

I was also embarrassed by the arrogance with which

the piece was written — it analyzed the book as though it was a poorly crafted novel, when in reality it was a memoir — a man's own account of the events of his life.

It seems grossly unfair and ignorant to criticize Beah and his friends for "having no depth" throughout the atrocities of their childhood when most of us cannot even imagine what it would have been like to survive one day of his childhood, much less to reflect upon these realities for the rest of his life.

Would you want to think deeply about the possibilities of being killed while traveling through unknown territories at the age of 12? Would you want to critically analyze the horrors of how many human lives you were taking due to

the pure hatred that was imbedded in you at the young age of 14?

To be able to process experiences like these enough to write them down at all and publish them for the world to see is a feat that deserves far more recognition and respect than this piece gave it.

The purpose of this book was not to entertain you with poetic language. It was written to call attention to the harsh reality that children are being recruited to fight wars around the world and to paint an accurate picture of what those children face on a day-to-day basis.

As Beah said in his address at convocation, the most important thing we can do in a university setting is to listen to the stories of others and

learn from their experiences.

I know that you, the writers and editors of *The Cynic*, have the right to free speech, and that *The Cynic* values this right very much. But I believe that as the University's primary newspaper, you should consider the responsibility and opportunity that you have to provide thoughtful, intelligent and respectful writing to the campus.

If you are going to criticize the lack of depth of Beah's book, perhaps you should consider the lack of depth in dedicating an entire article to a mean-spirited, cynical and distasteful book review in your first issue of the year.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Elise Fakhrazadeh

## Counterpoint: In My Defense

dustry, observe them.

John Lee Malvo, who along with John Allen Muhammad, came to be known as "the beltway snipers" after killing 10 people before their capture in Oct. 2002, comes to mind.

So do Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, the infamous Columbine shooters were 18 and 17 at the time of their deaths. And Stanley Tookie Williams, the Crips co-founder executed by the state of California last year for a quadruple homicide.

Were all these people not also conditioned by their upbringing?

My point is this: either you take the shaky road of cultural relativism "forgive them, they know not what they do" and forgive all who had "no choice" and were "brainwashed" or you take the road of democracy and justice and forgive none.

For those to whom it seemed as I was picking on a black guy and to boot a black guy whose second language was English and that this makes me a rac-

ist, I offer you this: is it not more racist to hold non-whites to a lower standard of intelligence or breadth of intellectual understanding than our own?

What is really in essence here is the nature by which his book was packaged by his publisher, Farrar Strauss and Giroux. The cover is in soothing tones of green and tan and white, a photograph of a little African boy with an RPG dangling from his neck like a lunch box trotting down a country road. It is a design more fitting to a "summer recipes" cookbook than to an account of this accord.

Charles Manson's autobiography is out of print, and so is that of America's first serial killer, Herman Webster Mudgett. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold never wrote anything reflecting on what they had done and neither did Malvo (we wait with baited breath) but when those things are read now, they are read more in the light of case studies by psychology majors as rare

glimpses into the minds of killers than "must-reads" and "riveting and heartbreaking tales of survival in the bush."

You won't see Malvo in a striped Banna Republic shirt and black blazer sitting on a table opposite John Stewart on "The Daily Show" being congratulated for having lived through having been "made" to kill people; his author shot on the dust cover would not portray him avec triumphant smile of survival — you'd better believe it would look like a still from 2020, blurry and menacing "Portrait of a Killer" *The New York Times* would call it — "chilling."

I beg that Baeh's book be packaged and sold in that same light and the fact that someone who has killed so much and is so OK with himself be viewed as deeply disturbed and not as a shining example to us all.

Sincerely,

Robert Downey

## A Still-Open Wound

I would like to write to complain about the coverage of one specific topic in our media today: Hurricane Katrina.

As everyone knows it has been two years since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast region of the United States. We all watched on TV and read in the newspapers as nature showed its destructive capabilities.

Even today, two years later, we are continuously updated on how the region is recovering. But, within the media, it feels more than just objective reporting. In fact, it seems as if the media is forcing us to have a feeling of general empathy with these people because of what has happened.

I have a very decidedly subjective feeling regarding Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath: let's get on with it and find something more current and to be honest, more newsworthy.

I no longer want to hear about the suffering of the people of New Orleans.

This is in no way a racial is-

sue. It is time these people and the nation moved forward. No more heart-wrenching stories of people losing their homes, or high school sports teams finally getting back on the field or a multi-million dollar NFL team winning some games.

The fact is the people of New Orleans knew a devastating hurricane was approaching. They were warned and were told to leave the city (New Orleans itself is below sea level). Of course when the first rains came, people stayed.

Yet after ignoring the government's explicit directive to evacuate the city (something other cities seem to do quite well with an impending natural disaster) they want to criticize the government for not rescuing and saving everyone immediately?

That's preposterous. Yes, many people lost their homes, but to state the obvious: they lost them two years ago. Two years is a long time to move forward and rebuild.

Many say it is the Bush administration and FEMA's fault

that New Orleans has not recovered as quickly as possible but I say: check the facts.

Since Katrina, the Bush Administration has pumped over \$110 billion into the region for repair and rebuilding. I know how quickly aid money disappears and the truth of the matter is it hasn't been used correctly, but that's certainly not the federal government's fault.

Once aid money has been delivered to local governments, it is up to them to use it correctly, and they obviously haven't, and because of that should I have to hear stories everyday about someone else who lost their home two years ago?

I think there are much more newsworthy items than a city's failure to rebuild itself.

The truth of the matter is New Orleans is incredibly violent. Today, there is an average of more than one murder per day. These people have had an opportunity to move forward and haven't.

I felt empathy for these

people two years ago and now I feel a sense of disgust. They aren't moving forward, they're stagnating, and in some ways regressing. How can I feel empathy when after two years they've moved backwards?

Someone I know compared the different reactions to September 11 and Hurricane Katrina and I couldn't believe it. This is like comparing apples to oranges. A natural disaster and an act of terrorism that not only shakes the foundations of our buildings but the world in which we live aren't comparable. And to be honest, we haven't pumped \$114 billion into 9/11 recovery.

We have done that in New Orleans, and yet the people have stayed in the same place. It is now high time the citizens of New Orleans move forward. They should move forward not only because it is for their obvious benefit, but in some ways, it is for ours too.

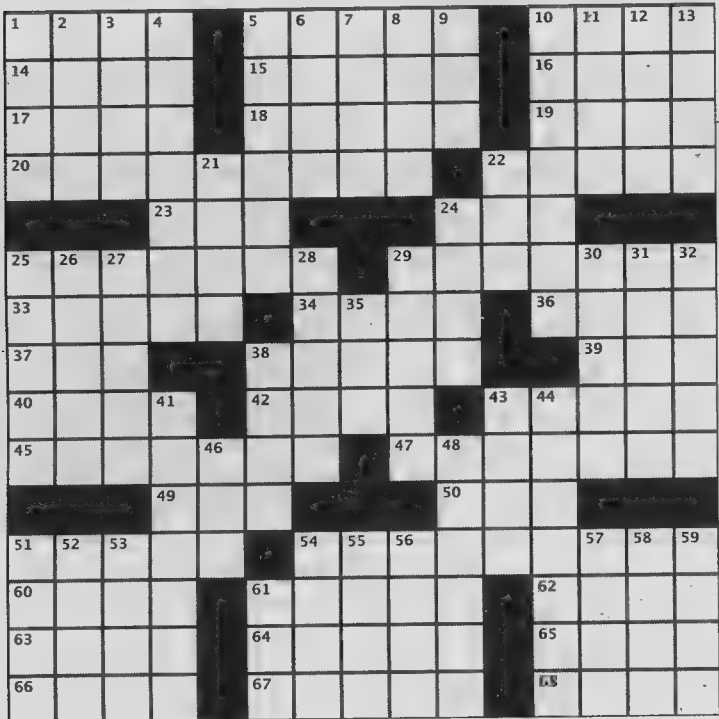
Sincerely,

Michael M. Michaud



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### ACROSS

- 1- Religious practice
- 5- Rocky barren plateau
- 10- Serpents
- 14- Enthusiastic vigor and liveliness
- 15- Sound
- 16- Small blemish
- 17- River sediment
- 18- Salt water
- 19- Robust
- 20- Form of basalt
- 22- Group of eight
- 23- Fish eggs
- 24- Lift giver
- 25- Mayor having judicial powers
- 29- Temporary closing of a business
- 33- Make watertight
- 34- Presidential battleground stat
- 36- Sea eagle
- 37- Delivery room docs
- 38- Sacred song
- 39- Find the sum of
- 40- Silver salmon
- 42- Capital city of Peru
- 43- Located
- 45- Inert monatomic gaseous element
- 47- Art of cooking
- 49- Make lace
- 50- Strong feeling of anger;
- 51- Change a song
- 54- Herb of the crowfoot family
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- 62- Type of song, to be sung solo
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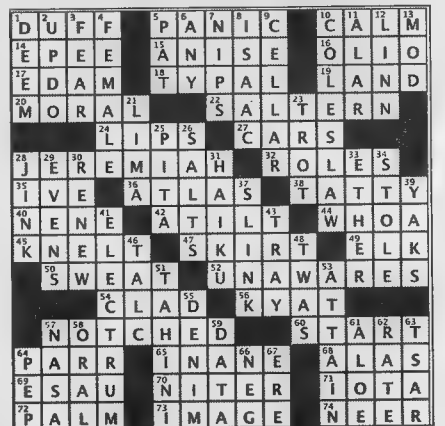
- 65- Sleeps briefly
- 66- Monetary unit of Cambodia
- 67- Norwegian dramatist
- 68- Sheltered, nautically

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- 2- Hip bones
- 3- Apply powder to oneself
- 4- Spellbind
- 5- Renowned
- 6- Panel;
- 7- Prepare a book or film for release
- 8- \_\_\_\_\_ dancing is popular with cowboys!
- 9- Female deer;
- 10- Cornbread baked in hot ashes
- 11- Petty quarrel, ejected saliva
- 12- Tent stick
- 13- Keep it, to an editor
- 21- Yellow of an egg
- 22- Tolkien ogre
- 24- Derrick
- 25- Tilted
- 26- Toil
- 27- Soft and comfortable
- 28- Reddish dye
- 29- Pale reddish purple
- 30- To talk, usually in a pompous manner;
- 31- Below
- 32- Woman's one-piece undergarment
- 35- Thigh

- 38- Scheme
- 41- Pertaining to optics
- 43- Annoyed
- 44- Japanese art of arranging flowers
- 46- Levy
- 48- Person in the petroleum industry
- 51- Laugh loudly
- 52- Small purse
- 53- Bog
- 54- Aromatic plant
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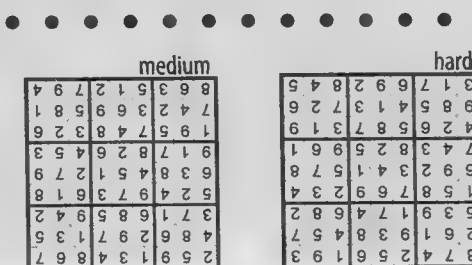
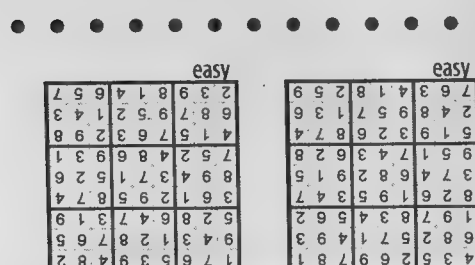
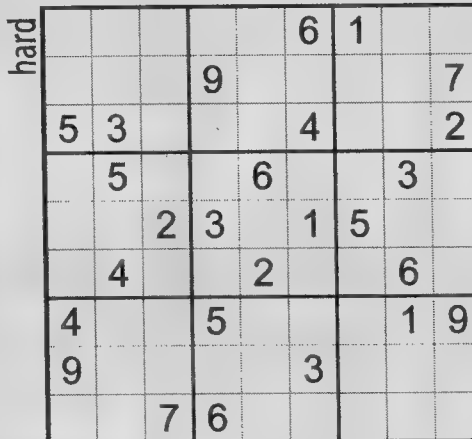
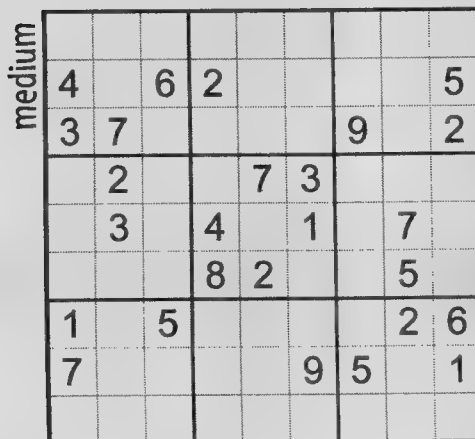
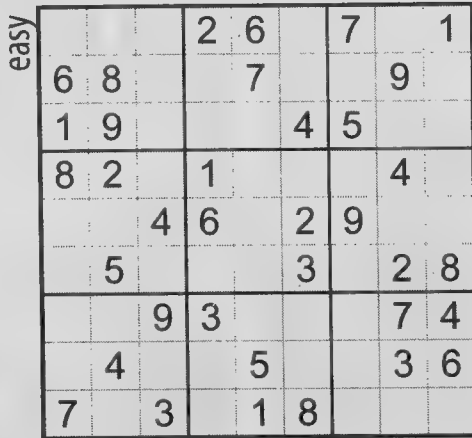
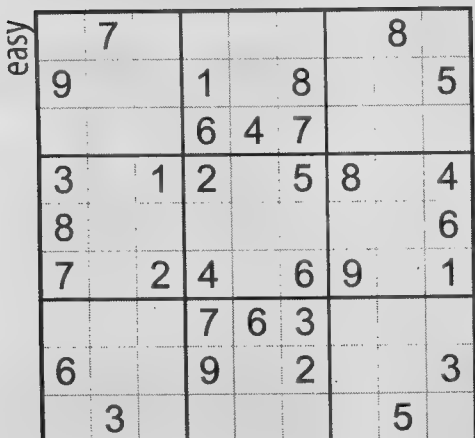


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### This Month:

*Virgo* (August 23- September 22)

When your friends can't make a decision about what to do on Thirsty Thursday, step up and use your Virgo logic to tap all your sources so the night isn't a waste.

**Love:** Don't over think your current hookup situation. It's your birthday, have fun!

**Lucky Day:** September 12, 15, 23

*Libra*

(September 23- October 22)

We know that you need balance and order in your living situation, but give your new roommate(s) some slack. Not everyone can be as neat as you are.

*Scorpio*

(October 23- November 21)

Shake off last month's STD scare and sleep with the first person who remembers your name on Friday night.

*Sagittarius*

(November 22- December 21)

If you've been suspicious that your significant other is straying, you're right. If you're single, go downtown and have a one night stand. Relationships isn't in the cards for you right now.

*Capricorn*

(December 22-January 19)

Don't let the start of the semester get you too stressed out. It's still summer, enjoy the last nice days at North Beach before Burlington turns into a winter wonderland.

*Aquarius*

(January 20- February 18)

Take your own advice and work harder to keep in touch with friends from the past. Don't just talk about it, do it.

*Pisces*

(February 19-March 20)

You have been out of the romance game for awhile. While you're out partying this weekend, give that freshman you meet a chance. They may not be as lame as you think.

## horoscopes

with Lala and Ana

*Aries*

(March 21-April 19)

You seem to be striking out left and right with the opposite sex. What you consider charm is coming across as aloof. Look into foreign prospects.

*Taurus*

(April 20-May 20)

Though you like to work hard for the finer things in life, don't sacrifice your school work by taking on too many extra shifts.

*Gemini*

(May 21-June 21)

We know you can move any product, but selling illicit drugs out of your dorm room isn't the best idea for your first foray into entrepreneurship.

*Cancer*

(June 22-July 21)

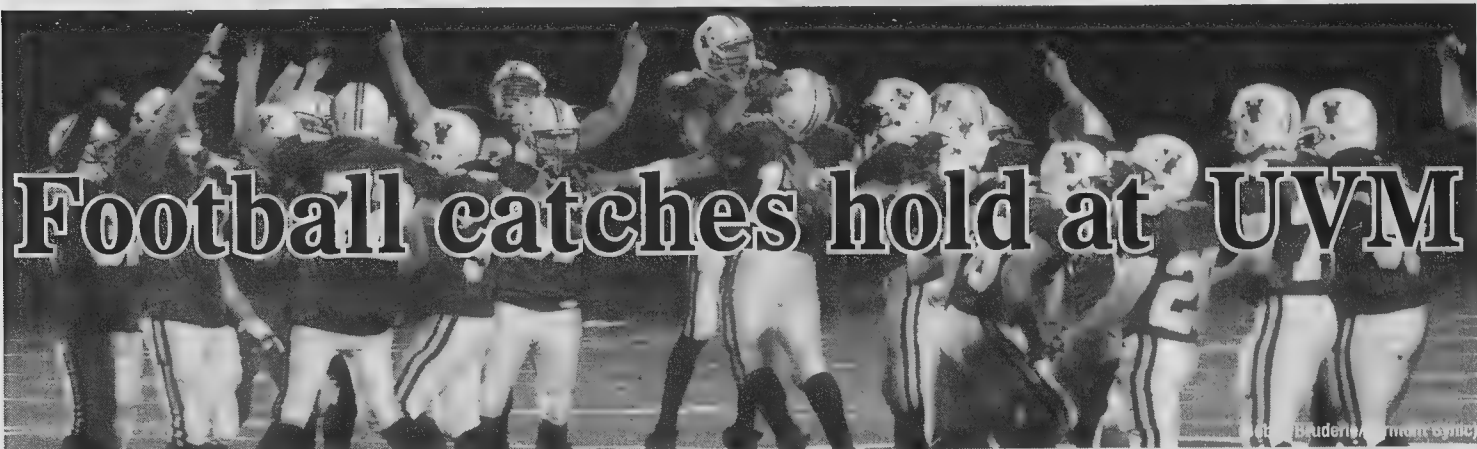
You've been feeling really comfy hanging with your old crew, but they seem to have led you on a detour to Sleazetown. Maybe it's time for new friends.

*Leo*

(July 23-August 22)

Your parents have been nagging you a lot, but before you blow up, remember that you only have to see them 4 times in the next year. Use studying as an excuse—it's the best way to avoid an unwanted phone call.





## Football catches hold at UVM

**In front of a crowd of nearly two thousand, UVM football continues their 33-year unbeaten streak.**

By AUSTIN DANFORTH  
Editor-in-Chief

Although it had been 33 years since UVM hosted a football game, it didn't look like it.

Sure, there was a new artificial turf field, a packed stadium and a different league than three decades previous, but the fact remains the same; UVM has not lost a football game since 1974.

UVM's newest club team is now 2-0 on their freshman season after defeating the Vermont Ravens 9-3 Saturday night in front of nearly two thousand spectators at Burlington High School's Buck Hard Field.

After a scoreless, seesaw first three quarters, the Catamounts' offense got on track and on the board first with a dramatic 24-yard field goal to start the fourth quarter.

The Cats' first sustained drive of the game, a 10-play effort, was halted at the Ravens' seven-yard line

as the third quarter expired.

Sophomore kicker Gavin Battaglia entered and put UVM up 3-0 after his kick sailed over would-be kick blockers and through the uprights, but not before ricocheting off the left upright and barely sneaking inside the right one.

UVM football was leading on a Burlington scoreboard again, 33 years later.

This re-inaugural lead was short-lived.

On the ensuing drive, the Ravens put together a couple big plays and stood on the fringe of the UVM redzone before the Catamounts defense stood their ground.

After stuffing one run, forcing an incompletion and allowing only a three-yard shovel pass, the Catamounts forced the Ravens into a field goal.

The kick was good, leveling the score at 3-3 with 11:08 left in the fourth quarter.

The defense's effort did not go unnoticed.

"Thank God for our defense, they were

the reason we stayed in the game,"

UVM head coach Darren Haynes said, citing the fact that his squad has not allowed a touchdown in its last seven quarters.

UVM bounced right back with another big drive, led by junior running back Nate Goddard.

The Catamounts stuck to the ground, pounding the ball at the Raven defense and completing a couple key passes for big gains.

With eight minutes to go and faced with a second and three on the Ravens 18 yard line, Goddard took a hand-off to the right side, slipped through the line and scooted all the way to the end zone, giving UVM a 9-3 lead that they would not relinquish.

The Ravens blocked the PAT to keep it a six-point game.

Proving their mettle yet again, the Catamount defense bent but didn't break and forced the Ravens to punt the ball away with 5:27 left in the game.

The Catamounts running game

took it from there and ground out the remainder of the game, behind an offensive line that looked completely different than the group that suited up for the first half of the game.

The change was remarkable and made all the difference for a lagging Catamounts offense.

"The line blocked really, really well," Goddard said. "We were able to pound the ball right down their throat."

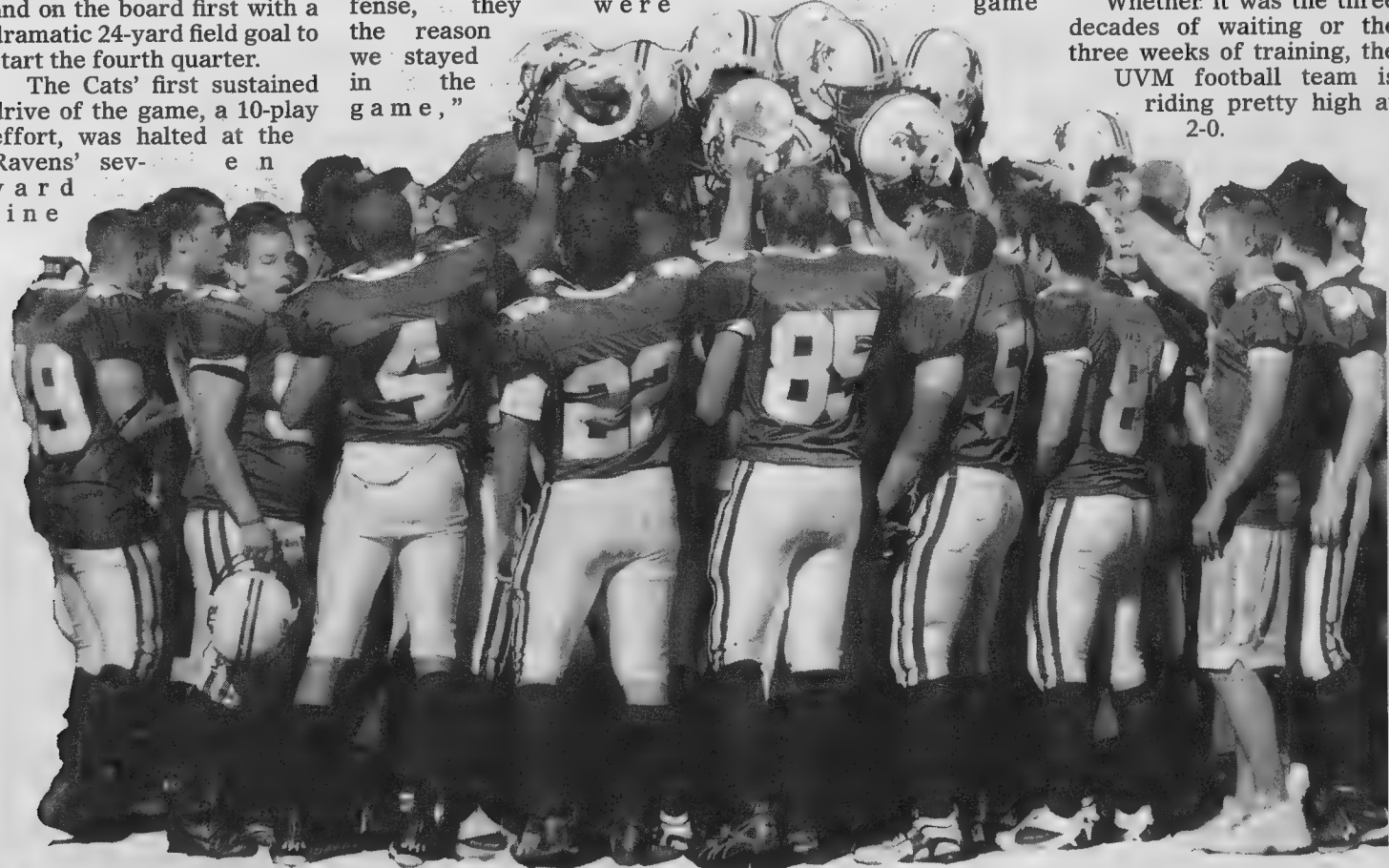
"We called out the offense at halftime - they had to wake up - and they did a great job," Haynes said.

After a 33-year hiatus, the comeback was neither simple nor easily won.

The Catamounts' hard work in the preseason made their first victory in front of a home crowd the sweetest of all.

"It felt great to put the pads on again," Goddard said. "Those first two weeks of practice were hell - I was sore every day. Now it feels good."

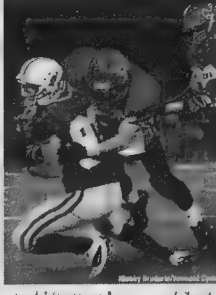
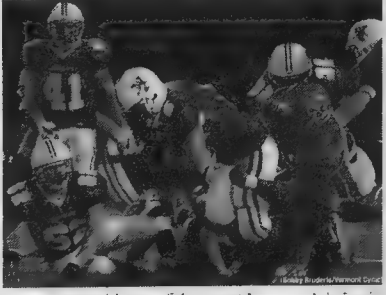
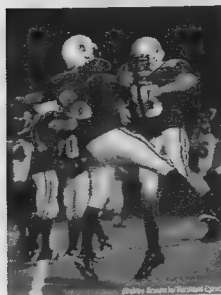
Whether it was the three decades of waiting or the three weeks of training, the UVM football team is riding pretty high at 2-0.



(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

(Above) The UVM club football team takes a celebratory huddle after their second straight win in as many games on Saturday night. The game, held at Buck Hard Field at Burlington High School, was filled almost to capacity as people of all ages came out to support the Catamount club football team.

(Below from left to right) Senior Nate Goddard (6) and sophomore Drew Trombley (18) congratulate each other after the game. Coach Darren Haynes gives a halftime pep-talk to his team. Fans came dressed and decorated to watch their team's victory over the Vermont Ravens. Goddard runs through a tackle by the Ravens as sophomore President Doug DeLuca (81) keeps possession through a tackle.



## Last Week

Tuesday, September 4 -  
Monday, September 10

Friday, September 7  
Men's Soccer vs UMass  
-OT Loss

Vermont: 1-0 - 1  
UMass: 0-1 - 2

Women's Soccer @ St. Mary's  
-Tie (20T)

Vermont: 0-1 - 1  
St. Mary's: 1-0 - 1

Saturday, September 8  
Field Hockey @ UMass  
-Win

Vermont: 1-2 - 3  
UMass: 0-1 - 1

Sunday September 9  
Field Hockey vs. Virginia  
-Loss

Vermont: 1-0 - 1  
Virginia: 0-2 - 2

Men's Soccer vs. Michigan State  
-Double OT Loss

Vermont: 0-1 - 1

Michigan State: 1-0 - 2

Women's Soccer @ UCAL-Berkeley  
-Loss

Vermont: 0-0 - 0  
UCAL-Berkeley: 2-2 - 4

## Conference Standings

America East Field Hockey

1. Vermont, AE - (1-0) Overall - (5-1)
2. Albany, AE - (0-0) Overall - (4-2)
3. BU, AE - (0-0) Overall (3-2)
4. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0) Overall - (3-3)
5. Maine, AE - (0-0) Overall - (1-4)
6. Fairfield, AE - (0-1) Overall (1-4)

America East Men's Soccer

1. Binghamton, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (4-0-0)
2. UMBC, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-0-1)
3. Hartford, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-0-1)
4. Albany, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-2-0)
5. BU, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-2-0)
6. Vermont, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-2-0)
7. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-2-1)
8. Stony Brook, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-2-0)
9. Maine, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-3-0)

America East Women's Soccer

1. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-1-0)
2. BU, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-2-0)
3. Stony Brook, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-2-0)
4. Albany, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-2-2)
5. Vermont, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-2-1)
6. Hartford, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (0-1-2)
7. Binghamton, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (0-3-1)
8. Maine, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (0-3-1)
9. UMBC, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (0-4-0)



## Good Week / Bad Week

### National sports in a nutshell

A column by *The Vermont Cynic Sports Staff*

#### Bad Week for Reche Caldwell By JOSH APPELBAUM

What does a 2006 team-high 61 grabs and 760 receiving yards guarantee the wide-eyed Patriot wideout in 2007? A release.

Banking on a potentially deadly new receiving corps, New England found the former second rounder expendable and gave him the boot.

Take note Randy, Donte, Kelly and Wes: team leading stats are meaningless if you can't produce against the Colts when it really counts.

#### Good Week for Sox September Call Ups By JOSH APPELBAUM

In just his second career start, first year flamethrower Clay Buchholz no hit the Orioles to earn AL Rookie of the Week honors.

CF Jacoby Ellsbury's electric speed and .429/.27 in 12 games has the Nation pleading for Theo to finally give up on the hopeless J.D. Drew.

Talk about a star-studded freshman class. I almost forgot, Dustin Pedroia for AL Rookie of the Year.

#### Bad Week Lloyd Carr By NICK DECARO

It's been a long time coming for maize and blue fans that have bared the pain of the most overrated and under-achieving coach of all time.

The man has ridden the coattails of his 1997 National Championship, and done nothing but waste talent for the past 10 seasons.

Saturday's 34-32 mind-blowing loss to Appalachian State, formerly of Division I-AA saw the Carr era hit rock bottom and it is time for his reign to end.

#### Good Week College Football By NICK DECARO

With the decline of national collegiate football powers Notre Dame, Florida State, Miami, Nebraska and the aforementioned Michigan schools, like Boise State, West Virginia and TCU have to opportunity to come into the limelight.

Instead of the same teams dominating every year, there are now new competitive threats and more spirited games, creating fiercer rivalries at football-dominated schools.

#### Good Week for Team USA By KAT WILLIAMS

It was a good week for Team USA Men's Basketball who rolled past Argentina to win the FIBA championship last Sunday, 118-81.

The team shot an awesome 57.7 percent from the floor and 49 percent from the 3-point line.

#### Bad Week for Byron Leftwich By IBI TARIO

Jaguars coach Jack del Rio started Byron Leftwich the past four seasons and throughout the 2007 preseason, only to release Leftwich during final cuts.

Leftwich may be close to signing a deal with the Ravens, but it looks like he won't be starting anywhere this year.

#### Bad week for the Patriots' defense By IBI TARIO

The New England Pats' defense will be without cornerstones defensive end Richard Seymour and safety Rodney Harrison for the next few weeks.

The losses, to injury and a positive HGH test respectively, could make the Patriots vulnerable, especially against potent offense teams San Diego, Cincinnati, Dallas and the Jets, coached by Belichick-trained Eric Mangini.

## FIELD HOCKEY

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on the season, for the first time in the Vermont field hockey program's history.

The Cats were back in action on Sunday, taking on nationally ranked Virginia.

The game would decide the champion of the Classic, as both Vermont and Virginia won their Saturday games.

Vermont lost 2-1 in a hard fought game, the lone Catamount goal scored by senior forward Kelly McClintock.

Virginia opened up scoring at 13:59 in the first half when Traci Ragukas recorded a goal assisted by Inge Kaars Sijpesteijn.

The Cats went into the second half down 2-0 and saw play heavily located on Vermont's half of the field, with Virginia controlling the ball.

McClintock's goal with five minutes remaining swung momentum to Vermont, but it wasn't enough, as time expired with the score 2-1 for Virginia.

The Cats finished the weekend at 5-1, 1-0 America East.

Head coach Nicki Houghton said it was a "good weekend" for the team although,



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Vermont's Maegan Luce (12) dribbles through Virginia's defense toward the goal in Sunday's 2-1 loss.

"we were disappointed with the way we played [on Saturday]."

"We came out with a win, and we're proud of that, but we felt we could play better."

"Today, we stepped up

play against a nationally ranked team, but we had a few mental lapses in the first half," Houghton said. "There's a lot of pressure playing against them."

The Cats have a tough road schedule this week,

playing Pacific on Sept. 13, and a match-up against Michigan on the 15 in Louisville, KY.

"It'll be tough on the road this week," Houghton said. "We have tough opponents, it's a great schedule."

## MEN'S SOCCER

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paoport converted the penalty past Scully.

"We spent most of the time trying to battle back and get the equalizer," coach Jesse Cormier said. "Eventually we did, but it may have taken so much energy out of us that we were unable to concentrate at certain key points."

After the early strike from the Minutemen, UVM controlled much of the play and had the majority of the chances outshooting UMass. 10-5 and winning 12 corner kicks compared with only five for the Minutemen.

Despite all the chances the Cats were not able to get on the board until Kouadio's spectacular strike.

Luetkehans created a stellar opportunity at the very end of regulation but his header went just over the crossbar.

The loss dropped the Catamounts to 1-2 on the season, while UMass improved to 2-1.

Coach Cormier summed it up best: "The lesson here is we just need to be better from the start. We have to raise the bar in terms of our preparation."

#### Sunday, September 9 Vermont: 2 Michigan State: 1

On a rain-soaked Centennial Field, a goal in double overtime lifted the Michigan State Spartans past the Catamounts in the finale of the Smith Barney Nike Soccer Classic.

Vermont came out with intensity and controlled the ball for much of the first half.

A few solid chances presented themselves but the

Cats could not find the back of the net.

Senior Loren Hill skipped a shot from just outside the box that nearly beat the keeper, and junior Lee Stephane Kouadio's bicycle kick hit the top of the cross bar and the rebound went wide.

MSU had a great chance late in the first half, but junior keeper Roger Scully scampered across the face of the net to make a diving save and keep the match scoreless.

With just over four minutes left in the half the Spartans struck when Jeff Ricondo dribbled into the box and snuck a shot into the corner of the net.

The Spartans looked for more with a minute left but another diving save by Scully kept the score at 1-0 at the half.

The second half was a defensive struggle and the conditions started to take a toll.

Sophomore Rem Kielman ripped a shot from outside the box that just sailed over the bar.

Then at 53:24, the Cats drew even off a corner kick from junior Jordan Crasilneck.

The ball sailed towards the goal and was punched out by the MSU keeper outside the box, where junior Will Haywood was waiting to bury the first goal of his career into the net for the rebound.

Sparked by the goal, the Catamounts turned up the pressure and almost took the lead on a header from Kielman set up from Hill, but keeper Chris Austin made the save.

MSU had one more good chance in regulation on a breakaway by Doug DeMartin, but freshman Gary Cole raced back to block the

shot.

The teams headed into overtime tied at one. In the first overtime the Spartans' Kenzo Webster unloaded a shot from the corner of the box that ricocheted of the top of the bar.

Another great save by Scully on Webster sent the game into a second overtime.

Three minutes into the second OT, DeMartin hammered home the game win-

ner off a rebound giving Michigan State a 2-1 win, and the championship.

The Catamounts fall to 1-3 overall on the season, and play their next game Tuesday, September 11 at Centennial Field when they host Harvard at 4 p.m.

(Additional reporting by Dakota Rubin)

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# Face Off

1. After their monster performance against the Saints, who can stop Peyton and the Colts from repeating as Super Bowl Champions?

**DR:** Even after the shellacking the Colts put on New Orleans I don't think Indy can repeat.

Every season Peyton Manning seems to lead his team to a hot start, but the NFL is all about finishing.

The Colts are a great club but teams like the Patriots, who added immense amounts of new talent, and the Chargers, who are hungry after last season, are going to make it a chore for Indy to make it out of the AFC.

I think ultimately it will be the same team the Colts beat a year ago in the Super Bowl, the Bears, that do the dethroning.

While a Super Bowl repeat is very unlikely with the way these two teams are playing it is not impossible and sequels in sports are always fun

**JA:** After steamrolling past last season's feel good story New Orleans Saints in their 2007 home opener, the Indianapolis Colts appear capable and prepared to defend their crown as reigning Super Bowl Champions.

However, despite shedding the shadowing tag of having never won a big game, Peyton and company must once again prove their worth against the retooled, determined and payback hungry New England Patriots.

While much will be determined Nov. 4 when the two powerhouses go head-to-head in the RCA Dome, it will inevitably come down to who restores the balance of power during the playoffs.

I may be a homer, but my bet has always been and always will be the Pats.

Bring it on Peyton. Belichick and Brady have been waiting all year for this.



## The Match Up Dakota Rubin vs. Josh Appelbaum

2. How will HGH allegations against Rick Ankiel affect Major League Baseball and the race in the NL Central?

**DR:** This is the last thing baseball needed. With the ref betting scandal in the NBA and Michael Vick literally dogging the NFL, baseball had a chance to show fans that it was cleaning up the steroid issue by having a clean race towards the pennant.

Instead one of the best stories of the second half of the season, Rick Ankiel, fall right in the center of human growth hormone allegations.

While he has only been in the majors for 25 games this season, Ankiel already has nine home runs and has pulled the Cardinals back into the race for the NL Central.

Will these allegations affect the race? Probably not.

But they will seriously tarnish baseball as a whole because HGH is something that went from being a fringe issue behind anabolic steroids to now standing at the forefront of Bud Selig's agenda.

**JA:** Just when it seemed MLB had a story to be proud of heading into the playoffs, allegations of HGH use surrounding Cardinals' phenom Rick Ankiel have once again questioned the integrity of the game.

After captivating the nation with his stunning transformation from a once promising yet erratic pitching prospect to a present day Roy Hobbs, the St. Louis outfielder admitted to receiving doctor prescribed HGH while recovering from elbow surgery in 2004.

What did you expect, MLB? You incubated a corrupt system devoid of steroid testing in the 1990s and are now pointing fingers at players you allowed to cheat.

Put an asterisk next to every name accused of steroid use, discount their statistical achievements, stick with the current no tolerance policy and move on.

It's time for playoff baseball.

3. Even after losing to 1-AA Appalachian State, did #5 Michigan deserve to drop out of the top 25?

**DR:** The simple answer is yes.

Preseason polls mean nothing. They are a bunch of writers sitting around saying, "This team could do well."

Unlike in the NFL, where much of a team's makeup remains from year to year, in college the turnover is so great that it's hard to even guess how a team will do.

This after the first week there are so many changes in the polls. The voters have to reevaluate the teams and decide where they really belong.

In Michigan's case the voters felt that being the first ranked team ever to be knocked off by a 1-AA was cause to be dropped from the polls and I agree.

After the waxing that maze and blue took at the hands of Oregon this week it looks like they made the right choice.

**JA:** Many believe that despite falling 34-32 to 1-AA Appalachian State in one of the greatest college football upsets in recent memory, perennial powerhouse Michigan should remain in the top 25.

That debate was quickly squashed as the Wolverines (0-2) were tortured at home again by unranked Oregon, 39-7, their worst loss since 1968.

Can anyone honestly feel bad for head coach Lloyd Carr? Not me.

When you run a program as traditionally rich, economically wealthy and nationally popular as Michigan, there are no excuses for dropping such lopsided decisions, especially after recruiting the nation's top high school talent year after year.

We should instead be congratulating the Mountaineers. You dethroned goliath and gave hope to all other 1-AA schools that upsets of Hoosiers proportions truly are possible.



## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

### The Big Blue Blues

I was good about it all week: stayed strong, kept my chin up, stayed in the present and didn't dwell in the past.

By the time I woke up on Friday my mindset was, "Appalachian what?"

I was positive. We were going to rebound.

We were going to tear off 11 straight wins to close out the regular season. That two-point loss was a fluke. The game against Oregon was going to prove that at least that much.

If only ...

If only my maize and blue tears would stop.

It is worse than the worst hangover I've ever known — it has been wracking my brain for more than a week now.

The only pain killer that could ease my suffering would be a win against Notre Dame this Saturday.

After starting the season 0-2 — at home no less — for the first time since 1959, the 39-7 drubbing at the hands of the Oregon Ducks leaves Michigan and Big Blue nation (myself included) staring despondently into the distance.

And this depressing loss, the worst Michigan loss in almost 40 years, comes after the loss heard round the world — mighty number five Michigan slain by I-AA Appalachian State.

That loss was only the first time that a I-AA team beat a ranked I-A opponent.

I thought that hurt. It hurts even worse now.

Oregon was the fourth loss in a row dating back to last season.

The losses go, in chronological order: Ohio State (a thriller), USC (a downer), Appalachian State (a shocker) and Oregon (a killer).

What's more, all of these losses have happened since Bo Schembechler's death last year, the day before the big game against Ohio State.

Now, I don't dare think Michigan is cursed, but after being a Red Sox fan for so long those thoughts are unfortunately hot-wired.

The last two weeks have morphed into one long sob story. Unless someone hasn't already done so, I might take it upon myself to nominate Michigan fans for the "Worst Week Ever."

It just hurts my soul so much.

The misery has come in such quantities during the last 12 days it is hard to process.

There is no bright line for this string of events.

My usual ray of maize sunshine, Mike Hart, ran all over the Ducks in the first half of the Oregon loss, but wasn't involved much in the second half.

You could say the sun went into hiding.

The conventional wisdom is to keep putting one foot in front of the other.

Keep going. Keep your chin up. Don't dwell on the past. Conventional wisdom failed me last week.

Maybe this week I'll wear a blindfold while I watch the game against Notre Dame — just something, anything, to dull the pain.

# View from the Sidelines

A commentary on the National Football League brought to you by Dakota Rubin

## NFL Predictions – Week Two

### The Game of the Week

New England 30, San Diego 27

### The Best of the Rest

**Atlanta at Jacksonville** – If the Jaguars can work out the kinks they should be a playoff team this season. The Falcons on the other hand have a lot more to overcome after the loss of Michael Vick.  
Jacksonville 30, Atlanta 24

**New Orleans at Tampa Bay** – The Saints need to bounce back from the brutal defeat last week in Indy. The Bucs have toughened up this year and will pose a stiffer test, but have too many weaknesses to defeat New Orleans.  
New Orleans 27, Tampa Bay 20

**San Francisco at St. Louis** – The Rams and their high-powered offense are going to be too hard for the 49ers to stop.  
St. Louis 30, San Francisco 24

**Cincinnati at Cleveland** – The battle of Ohio is going to more like a massacre with the Bengals coming out as the victor.  
Cincinnati 27, Cleveland 10

**Indianapolis at Tennessee** – After annihilating the Saints in week one it is hard to imagine seeing a dropoff in week two. Vince Young just doesn't have enough

skill around him yet to see the echelon where Peyton Manning resides.  
Indianapolis 33, Tennessee 20

**Kansas City at Chicago** – The Bears face their second tough test of the season but without QB Trent Green they become a one-dimensional team that will struggle against the Monsters of the Midway.  
Chicago 24, Kansas City 13

**Washington at Philadelphia** – A big divisional battle early in the year pits two teams that both have high expectations, but who are also working to answer many tough questions. With the Eagles at home they have the upper hand in this contest.  
Philadelphia 20, Washington 14

**Seattle at Arizona** – The Cardinals have made great strides and with Matt Leinart at the helm and with receivers like Anquan Boldin, they have a great future. But the Seahawks are a team that is looking to win in the present and that is what they will do in this game.  
Seattle 27, Arizona 17

### For the Record

**Buffalo at Pittsburgh** – The Steelers should easily handle the Bills at home.  
Pittsburgh 27, Buffalo 10

**Houston at Carolina** – The Texans are

quickly improving, but they are not yet on the level of contenders like the Panthers.  
Carolina 24, Houston 13

**Green Bay at NY Giants** – Brett Favre can always inspire his team for a game, but he just doesn't have the skill around him needed to compete, especially against a solid Giants team.  
New York 17, Green Bay 10

**Minnesota at Detroit** – After drafting a wide receiver in the first round for the fourth consecutive year, Lions' fans are looking for answers. But fear not, Calvin Johnson is the real deal. Unfortunately the rest of the team has a ways to go.  
Minnesota 20, Detroit 13

**Dallas at Miami** – The Cowboys are going to be too tough for the still-rebuilding Dolphins and their young team.  
Dallas 24, Miami 14

**NY Jets at Baltimore** – With newly acquired Willis McGahee in the backfield to fortify the offense, the Ravens and their monstrous D will be hard to beat.  
Baltimore 20, New York 10

**Oakland at Denver** – The Raiders still have way too many problems and are going to struggle all season.  
Denver 17, Oakland 9





## This Week

Tuesday, September 11 –  
Monday, September 17

Tuesday, September 11

vs. Harvard  
Centennial Field, 4 p.m.

Thursday, September 13

@ Pacific University  
Durham, NH, 3 p.m.

Friday, September 14

@ Sacred Heart  
Durham, NH, 2:30 p.m.

@ Saint John's  
Buffalo, NY, 4 p.m.

@ San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA, 10 p.m.

Saturday, September 15

Cross Country

@ UMass with Maine, UConn  
Amherst, MA, 11:30 a.m.

@ Michigan  
Louisville, KY, 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 16

Men's Soccer

@ Central Connecticut  
Durham, NH, 2:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

@ Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY, 12:30 p.m.

Field Hockey

@ Louisville  
Louisville, KY, 2 p.m.

## Next Week

Tuesday, September 18 –  
Monday, September 24

Wednesday, September 19

Women's Soccer

@ Siena  
Loudonville, NY, 4 p.m.

Friday, September 21

Field Hockey

@ Temple  
Philadelphia, PA, 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer

@ Colgate  
Hamilton, NY, 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 23

Field Hockey

@ Rutgers  
Piscataway, NJ, 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer

@ Cornell  
Ithaca, NY, 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

@ UMass  
Amherst, MA, 1 p.m.

# Field hockey splits at home



A 3-1 victory over UMass was not enough to propel the Cats over #14 Virginia

By IBI TARIQ  
Cynic Correspondent

The Catamount field hockey team went 1-1 over the weekend, defeating Massachusetts on Saturday before falling to #14 University of Virginia on Sunday in second annual Sheraton Catamount Classic.

The tournament is a four-team showcase between UVM, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Virginia. New Hampshire and Vermont did not play each other in the Classic since the teams will be facing off later in America East Conference play.

UVM started off the weekend against the Massachusetts Minutewomen at Moulton Winder field, winning 3-1.

Senior forward Danielle



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

(Top) Sophomore goalkeeper Kristen Heavens blocks a shot from Fenna Breitbarth (14) of Virginia in Sunday's 2-1 loss. (Above) The Cats prepare to defend against a penalty corner in Sunday's fall to #14 Virginia.

Collins scored all three Catamount goals, with assists from juniors Maegan Luce and Jen Angers.

It was Collins' fourth career hat trick, a school record.

Collins opened up the scoring with 3:50 left in the first

half, assisted by Luce.

UVM went up 2-0 just five minutes into the second half on Collins' second goal, assisted again by Luce.

The Minutewomen narrowed the gap midway through the second half on a goal by

Cher King. Yet, Collins' last goal put the game out of reach, a backhanded shot on an assist from Angers.

The win put the Cats at 5-0

FIELD HOCKEY – 10

# The Cats record a pair of OT losses

The men's soccer team falls to 1-3 on the season after this weekends' losses

By NICK DECARO  
Senior Staff Writer

The University of Vermont men's soccer team fell 2-1 in overtime Friday to Massachusetts and to Michigan State on Sunday.

Friday, September 7  
Vermont: 2  
UMass: 1

The Catamounts fought all the way back against UMass to tie the game with less than 12 minutes left only to see it be for naught when the Minutemen converted a penalty kick three minutes into overtime.

Vermont went down on an early goal when Bryan Hogan snapped a 15-yard header into the back of the net past a div-

ing junior goalie Roger Scully.

The goal came off a long free kick from Chris Brown in the ninth minute.

After fighting back for most of the rest of the game the Cats finally leveled the score at one in the 79th minute on the first goal of the season from junior Lee Stephane Kouadio.

The starting forward took a pass from goalie Scully before turning and volleying a 40-yard bomb over the head

of the UMass goalkeeper who was out of position.

"In the locker room coach was telling us to take our chance," Kouadio said. "I took my first chance and got a goal."

The goal was wasted when freshman Kyle Luetkehans fouled a UMass player in the box to set up the winning penalty kick. Junior Douglas Rap-

MEN'S SOCCER – 10



## HazMat incident at Torrey Hall



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Members of Vermont's HazMat team clean off after emerging from Torrey Hall last Tuesday. Workers found 20-50 bottles containing formaldehyde, ethanol and water. The building was reopened the next day.

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

Police caution tape quarantined the parking lot behind Ira Allen Chapel for much of last Tuesday allowing only emergency vehicles and personnel into the vicinity of UVM's Torrey Hall.

The home to the first library at UVM as well as over 130 years of history, Torrey houses two classrooms as well as the Pringle Herbarium, the University's research plant collection. It was also the point of origin of a 911 call in the morning after a custodial worker felt sick while removing the garbage, according to a press release.

It was later discovered that the trash contained 20-50 screw-top nalgene containers with plant specimens and in varying concentrations ethanol, a flammable alcohol, acetic acid, water and formaldehyde.

"My understanding is that it was mostly ethanol [in the containers]," said Ralph Stuart, the Environmental Safety Program Manager in the Risk Management office.

"That's the chemical in there that would have caused immediate symptoms, which are headache and dizziness. If she did get a small whiff of formaldehyde it would not have caused either the symptoms she reported or long term problems."

According to the press release, David Barrington, director of the Herbarium and botany professor, acknowledged that the containers belonged to his department and took responsibility for the incident.

"It was my responsibility, whether I like it or not, that [the students] did not understand about the disposal of these liquids," Barrington said. "It simply did not occur to me that they would be ignorant to the procedures."

Barrington went on to explain that he had assigned botany graduate students that work for him to clean out a room because they were redefining the use of the space.

When the students were cleaning they discovered, "a set of bottles that were either unclearly labeled or badly labeled so they separated those

HAZMAT - 5

## SGA discovers lax dorm security

The Student Action Committee tested the security of various dorms on-campus to find gaping holes in many

By JOE COSMIDES

Cynic Correspondent

With UVM's on-campus housing pushed to its limits, security for the approximate 5,000 students in the residence halls has become an issue.

The main component of residence hall security is exterior door access. Last week, SGA's Student Action Committee (SAC) put forth a resolution that aims to "bring the residence hall doors to a level of security consistent with that clearly outlined in the Safety-Related Services and Programs pamphlet."

The pamphlet that the resolution references states, "Residence hall entrances are locked 24/7 and require building specific keys and/or ID cards for access." According to Jay Taylor, chair of the Student Action Committee, this statement is simply not true.

On Sept. 6 and Sept. 10, Taylor and the rest of the Student Action Committee conducted a survey of campus residence halls by simply pulling on the doors to determine if they could gain access. The results were published in a report that accompanied the resolution.

What they found was that a vast majority of the residence halls were not locked

as they are purported to be in UVM's pamphlet.

During the survey, Taylor found that doors he had personally reported to be not working in the past were still not locking. "Doors that we've known to not work still don't work," Taylor said.

The majority of instances of unlocked doors occurred in Living/Learning, which was found to be consistently accessible without a key or card.

"The presence of administrative offices and the lack of locking doors between them and residence halls in Living/Learning causes security issues," Taylor said.

The catwalks that connect the A and B buildings to the Commons building were also weak spots. "The doors at the ends of the walkways in Living/Learning have card-swipes, but only work on one of the double doors. It seems like they tried to secure the buildings but didn't stick with it," Taylor said.

Some on-campus students take advantage of the ease of entry.

"I've lived in Living/Learning for 3 years now. Everyone knows how to get in here if they don't have a card. I don't worry if I forget my card in my room since I know I won't have a problem getting in," said junior Living/Learning resident Brandon Dickerman.

Living/Learning is not the only place where a card may not be required for entry. The problem persists on Redstone Campus as well. "Since the gym is open in Wright during the day, you can get into

SECURITY - 5

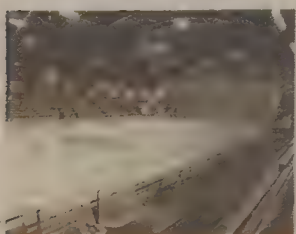
## SGA GREET'S UVM'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICER



(Erica Brown/Vermont Cynic)

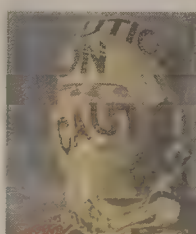
Dozer, UVM Police's newest addition, was brought before SGA last Tuesday by Officer Hunter and Chief Margolis to explain his function on campus. Dozer will be used for drug searches, as well as search and rescue. In the past UVM has used Burlington PD's K-9 unit.

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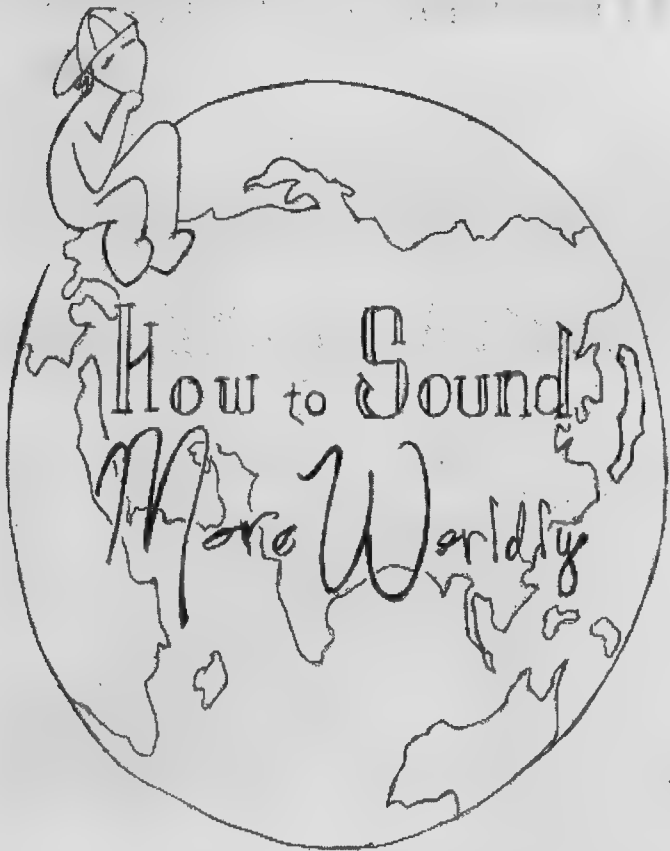


Rugby opens new season with romp versus St. Mike's

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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### Bush supports Petreaus's plan

In a prime-time televised address last Thursday, President Bush announced his support for Gen. David Petraeus's plan to begin withdrawing troops from Iraq. Bush said 5,700 troops would come home by the end of December, and roughly 30,000 by July 2008.

### Frontrunner emerges as AG replacement

Former New York judge Michael Mukasey has emerged as a potential contender to succeed Alberto Gonzalez as attorney general. Other potential replacements include former solicitor general Theodore Olsen and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

### Google aims for the moon

In an effort to spur commercial interest in lunar exploration, Google has joined with the X Prize Foundation in offering \$30 million to the first privately funded group to reach the moon with a robotic rover. X Prize Foundation organized a 2004 competition that produced the first privately financed human spaceflights.

### Teens to be cellphoneless in California

Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a new law this week that will ban California teenagers from using cell phones, pagers, laptops and other electronic devices while driving. First-time violations will result in a \$20 fine.

### Bounty out for murderer of cartoonist

A reward of \$100,000 for the murder of Lars Vilks, a Swedish cartoonist responsible for a drawing of Muhammad's head on the body of a dog, was announced by al-Qaida through an audio message aired on the Internet. It also announced a \$50,000 reward for the murder of the paper's editor.

### Apple announces new line of products, lowers iPhone price

Apple CEO Steve Jobs announced last week that the price of the iPhone would be cut by \$200. A day later, in response to hundreds of complaints, Jobs said he would offer early iPhone buyers a \$100 credit to the iTunes store.

### Dollar down

The U.S. dollar fell to an all time low against the euro due to problems in the U.S. housing market. One dollar is now equivalent to about 72 euro cents.

### Fatalities in Thai crash

At least 88 have been reported dead after a plane crashed on a runway in Phuket, Thailand last week. The plane, carrying 130 passengers, was trying to land in heavy rain when it broke up and burst into flames.

### Modern day

### Scarface arrested

Known as the "boss of bosses," Diego Montoya, accused of supplying about 70 percent of cocaine into the U.S. and Europe, was arrested by Colombian police. Proceedings will begin to extradite Montoya to the U.S. on drug trafficking charges.

### Northwest Passage opens up

The Northwest Passage, a short cut through the Canadian Arctic from Europe to Asia, is open for the first time since monitoring began in 1978. Canada wants full rights over the passage, but the U.S. and European Union say it should be open.

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### Corrections

-On A3 last week the pull quote was attributed to Jay Taylor. The quote was actually from Alecia Taylor.

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# UVM unveils plan for new Athletic Complex

By JULIA DROST  
Cynic Correspondant

The improvements that UVM has made to its campus in recent years are impressive.

According to the UVM Facilities Design and Construction Web site, some of the projects include the parking garage, new residence halls and renovations to older dorms, in addition to the current restoration of Ira Allen Chapel and the completion of the Davis Center.

Now another potentially huge project is looming in the future for UVM: a new athletic facility.

The University has a strong need to improve their athletic facilities in order to accommodate an increasing national athletic reputation and a growing student population.

Tom Gustafson, Vice President of Student and Campus Life at the University said, "Our facilities are at the bottom of the barrel for Division I athletics".

Junior Tom Cheney, a track and cross country athlete, agrees with Gustafson: "As a Varsity athlete, not having the facilities to compete and train is detrimental to our program and school's reputation. Furthermore, traveling to practice at a high school is downright embarrassing," said Cheney.

Some highlights of the new facility include a roughly 7,000 person seating capacity

for crowd-drawing basketball and hockey games, a track area, an expanded student fitness center and recreation area, improved press space, and more locker rooms.

When asked about the facility, Senior Ian Prieto said: "My initial thoughts are that it's an exciting development for the University."

Gustafson has made it clear that the facility will not be solely about sports. "It's not just about intercollegiate athletics; it's about more than that. Everyone calls it an arena but it will be designed to solve more than arena type problems. It will be more of an 'event center,'" said Gustafson.

The multipurpose center will serve not only UVM's sports teams, but larger University events as well, such as graduation, Convocation concerts, and distinguished guest lecturers.

It is this idea that excites many UVM students, such as Senior Brad Miller: "I think it's going to be very positive. And the reason I think it's going to be positive is because it will provide a venue large enough to satisfy Trey's ego and thus reunite Phish in Vermont," said Miller.

Gustafson explains that the ideas behind a new facility have been in the works for some time. In November 2003, the Vermont Arena Commission (VAC) was formed to study the feasibility of building a multipurpose arena at UVM.

The University then had



(University Communications/University of Vermont)

An aerial view of proposed changes to UVM's athletic complex. At the earliest, the complex will be done in four years.

a comprehensive study done and came up with a rough cost estimate for their project of approximately \$60 million.

The UVM Board of Trustees has taken recent steps to put the project into forward motion. Gustafson said: "A new Campus Life Committee has been formed by the Board of Trustees. The task force involves students, faculty, and administrators and will be looking at all of the University's needs for athletics, health, event space and fitness."

Gustafson explained that in the next several months the committee will take a step back in order to look at the whole picture, and to identify and assess what areas have the biggest need, whether it is student fitness, health or athletics.

"This is a parallel process with what happened several years ago for the construction of the Davis Center," Gustafson said.

Additionally, Gustafson said that the task force will conduct surveys to find out what students feel the campus needs, run focus groups about what we have and what we are lacking, re-evaluate finances, as well as visit other college campuses this semester to see their facilities.

"The Campus Life Committee will have a preliminary

report by the February meeting of the Board of Trustees to report on these findings," said Gustafson.

Vermont Governor Douglas made it clear around the time of the VAC that there would be no funding money for the arena in the Vermont state budget, a reason that has contributed to the delay in moving forward with the project.

Following the work of the Campus Life Committee, the

**"It's not just about intercollegiate athletics; it's about more than that ... it will be more of an 'event center.'"**

**-Tom Gustafson,  
Vice President of Student and Campus Life**

next phase would be to raise the necessary funds for the facility.

Gustafson said: "The funding needs to be a combination of a major private philanthropy, student fees to support a bond, and some corporate sponsorship."

Gustafson anticipates that the soonest a new facility could be up and running would be four years from now.

Junior Janet MacDonald said: "I'm excited for the potential new students to take advantage of a new athletic facility, but I wonder how much construction we can take."

Junior Alex Bauer said, "A lot of us came to UVM because it wasn't like a lot of other state universities. Now New-VM has become UMASS. And Satan graduated from UMASS. Go Cats."

The committee will be served by students such as Student Government Association President Kesha Ram, athletes such as Tom Cheney, and will be chaired by Trustee and UVM Hockey Hall of Famer Ian Boyle.

When asked about the project, Ram said: "A lot of times students see any new building as a waste of resources, and while this is always a worthy question to ask, there is a dire need to improve the health and well being facilities on campus. Student Government has collected hundreds of comments from varsity athletes and frequent fitness center goers about the inadequacy of the building."

Amid the varying student opinions and differing viewpoints, Ram's perspective may prove beneficial to keep in mind as UVM looks ahead to the next four years.



(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

An inside view of the Gutterson rink as seen in the current complex.

## SGA Speaker removes Ram, Bryan from session

By MIKE HAULENBEEK  
Senior Staff Writer

Executive members of the Student Government Association were removed from the General Assembly meeting last Tuesday, September 11 during an executive session - a move that has never been made by SGA, and one that caught many off guard.

Executive session, a portion of a meeting where proceedings are kept secret, is often used to consider nominations to appointive offices, according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised. Tuesday's executive session was called to vote on candidates recently nominated to fill vacancies on the SGA senate.

Speaker of the Senate Mike Glynne made the unexpected

decision to exclude executives from the executive session. Glynne declined to comment on the matter, but according to other senators, he opted to remove the president, vice-president and treasurer because they are non-voting members of SGA and might influence the votes of senators.

According to the SGA Constitution, the Speaker of the Senate is obligated to "facilitate Senate meetings upon consultation with the Executive Committee" - something SGA President Kesha Ram said Glynne didn't do prior to Tuesday's meeting.

"Perhaps Speaker Glynne did not realize at the time that his use of executive session to remove the president, vice-president and treasurer was unconstitutional because he never consulted the Executive Committee on this unprec-

edented change and did not give the Senate the opportunity to vote separately and voice their concerns," Ram said.

"Whatever his initial intentions, I think he realized his mistake when senators had questions in executive session that only the three of us, who had been excused, could answer," Ram said. "We simply have more access to information and, often, senators want to know how their legislation and votes fit into the procedures and policies of SGA, which we are best equipped to answer."

Pat Brown, UVM director of Student Life, who was at Tuesday's meeting, said it would be logical for executive members to remain in executive session for informational purposes. He said that when executive sessions are called, some non-voting members are

usually in attendance.

Senator Jay Taylor, Chair of the Student Action Committee, said he stands by Glynne's decision to exclude executive members. "I would rather see them not be part of the executive session," he said, "because they might unnecessarily influence senators' votes."

"The reason for Speaker Glynne's decision to ask the executive to leave the Senate chamber makes sense to me, as a senator although I understand the opposing viewpoint. This was not done maliciously, in my view. The Chair's of the Senate's seven committees along with Speaker Glynne guided debate in a fair and conciser manner, that I believe that President Ram and Vice President Vincent-Bryan would be proud of," chairman Scott McCarty said.

Others concluded that the

ordeal was just an unfortunate miscommunication. "I doubt it was executed by malicious reasoning or personal ambition. If anything, it just showed a lack of experience on the part of the speaker and the senate body," Senator Kaitie Conrad said.

"We have since spoken with Speaker Glynne and worked through this issue," Ram said. It is unclear whether executive members will be included in executive sessions in the future. The decision is up to Glynne, who presides over General Assembly meetings.

Executive sessions are held occasionally during General Assembly meetings. The last was held in the spring of 2007 when the SGA senate voted to appoint Glynne as Speaker of the Senate.



# Substandard housing rampant for UVM Students

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY  
Senior Staff Writer

Carpets blackened from years of use, toilets over flooding due to poor sanitation, unreachable landlords and porches slanted from settling houses are just a few of the problems new tenants face when they leave campus.

According to the Department of Residential Life, over 50 percent of students move off campus their junior year. This number has risen in the past few years.

Roughly 2,000 new students have moved into off campus housing in the past four months.

"A lot of them look like crack houses if you know what I mean," said junior Sam Daniels. "They are rubbish ridden and dirty due to neglect."

Daniels, who lives at Hill Gardens Condos, said his apartment is clean and up to date but most Burlington landlords need to do a better job maintaining their property.

Junior Chelsea Maisel is currently living in her second downtown apartment. "All the buildings are old. In my last apartment the windows didn't even close," Maisel said.

In order to get work and upgrades done on apartments "you have to be really persistent," said Maisel, "you just have to keep asking." One student reported that her apartment had been broken into by the previous tenant after the previous tenant had returned her keys. The previous tenant threw a party and trashed the apartment. The landlord said there was nothing she could do since it had already been cleaned.

"It is the bare minimum essentials that we require in housing," said a representative from the Burlington Code

Enforcement Office. The City only meets "minimum housing standards". The house must be safe and have functioning windows for safe egress.

At one downtown apartment a student's bathroom floor was buckling due to moisture. Other students found three layers of wall paper on their wall that they believe dated back to the 1960s. Other apartments smelt like animal feces upon moving in. Parents have complained that apartments were filthy.

"One of my friends has a deck I refuse to go out on because it slopes away from the house like crazy," sophomore Jay Taylor said.

The Vermont Tenants Inc. Web site reported that a Health Inspector recorded that at one apartment "there were cockroaches in the rooms, and toi-

**"All the buildings are old. In my last apartment the windows didn't even close."**

*-Chelsea Maisel*

lets and other plumbing did not work properly. Notes taken by a Division of Fire Safety inspector said smoke detectors were disconnected in several units, some rooms were missing carbon monoxide detectors and "wiring issues" were discovered.

According to Vermont Tenants Inc. tenants have the right to withhold rent if certain problems exist (such as broken toilets, no heat in the winter) as long as the tenant follows a certain protocol including written notification and allowing the landlord ample time to resolve the problem.

According to the *Burling-*

*ton Free Press*, Vermont had the "tightest rental market in America last year."

Another *Burlington Free Press* article reported that UVM students and affiliates take up 15,000 housing spaces around the Burlington area.

Sixty six percent of homes in Burlington are non-family households compared to 44 percent of homes in Vermont according to city-data.com indicating that the majority of households are student occupied.

The Burlington rental situation is tight and students need to find places to live so they are willing to rent something that may not be up to code.

Students may see an increase of students moving off campus especially since the new no tolerance for alcohol policy. Students seem to be more zealous to more off campus.

According to UVM's Terms and Conditions of Office Campus Housing "We share in the responsibility for creating learning environments that challenge students to learn and develop as whole persons. We also understand that the primary responsibility for learning and development rests with the student. Given this understanding, UVM's role with students who reside off campus is the same as it is on campus."

According to city-data.com, the median contract rent in 2005 was \$754.00 and the median housing costs in 2005 were \$1,097.00. For a private double on campus, the semester cost is \$3308.00, divided among the four months of the semester, students are sharing a room and paying \$827.00 to live on campus, according to the price list on the UVM Reslife Web site.

While it is less expensive to live off-campus, on-campus housing at UVM is home to 43



(Dakota Rubin/Vermont Cynic)

An apartment downtown suffers from a leaking ceiling, causing residents to place a bucket to catch falling water.

percent of students according to collegetownlife.com.

While minimal work appears to have been done on many houses in the Burlington area, the City of Burlington does offer a program to landlords who cannot afford to make necessary upgrades to an their properties.

The program, called REPAIR for Rehabilitation Assisting Investment Rentals, "provides technical and financial assistance to Burlington landlords," according to the City of Burlington Community and Economic Development Office Web site.

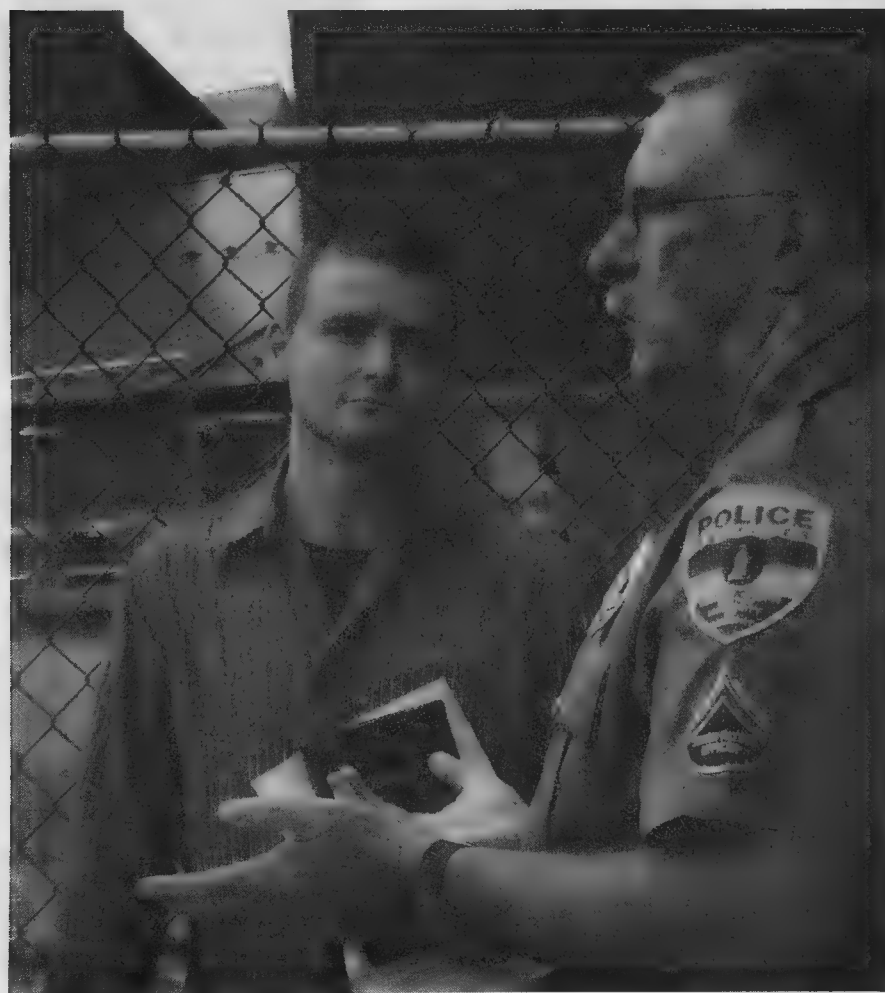
There is a significant amount of "red tape" to obtain

help from the program. Landlords must know their tenants exact income, and that income must be less than 80 percent of the median income. Since most students have co-signers, most student's residence would not qualify for the program.

Students who feel that their apartment is not up to code should visit The Vermont Statutes online Web site and find the Rental Agreement Page and follow the necessary protocol to get their apartment up to the required standards.

Taylor said, "Something definitely needs to be done about the quality of some of the places downtown."

## Police ask evangelists to leave Bailey-Howe steps



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

A police officer speaks with one of the evangelists after complaints were made.

**Three men were asked to leave campus after offending a student during a demonstration outside the Bailey-Howe library**

By ROBERT DOWNEY  
Senior Staff Writer

On Sept. 11 at around 1 p.m., three evangelists spoke to a forming group of students outside the Bailey-Howe Library.

Rick Trudeau, Neil Cartin and Shawn David Holes, all self proclaimed "street preachers" were there to "spread the word of the Gospel," said Holes, who added, "it means good news."

Good news, however, was not the message that many members of the crowd understood as they shouted insults and tried to engage the three men in debate.

At one point an as yet unidentified male absconded with the group's easel.

Roughly two hours after the demonstration began, UVM Police Officers Flynn and Blodeau arrived on the scene answering a call from their dispatcher who had received a call from Josh Neirman complaining of a bias and threatening encounter with the men.

SGA representatives DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan and John Colin Quinn arrived shortly thereafter.

Neirman, a Jewish student, approached Trudeau at the center of the crowd and asked him "wI'm Jewish, does that mean that I'm going to hell?"

Trudeau replied that "[he] would have to repent for his sins and sacrifice a lamb." Neirman said he was offended at the remark. The SGA and Office of Student Life had also received calls complaining of the nature of the demonstration, according to Associate Director of Student Life Dani Comey who had arrived with Vincent-Bryan and Quinn.

"Threatened isn't exactly the right word for it," Neirman said in reference to why he phoned

police, "it was more like 'nervous.'" "He implied that I would have to go out and kill something to go to heaven," he said.

"We are just here to preach the Gospel," said Trudeau as he went looking for the group's easel, "they want to stop us."

Holes and Trudeau said that they didn't belong to any larger organizations or congregations.

However, Holes is a pastor and Catin, who refused to give his name or comment, is a parishioner of the Massena Baptist Church in New York according to the church's Web site. All three live in New York, Holes and Trudeau live in Saranac Lake and Cartin in Massena.

"There is a fine line to walk when it comes to free speech on campus, would the police have treated these guys differently if they were students at UVM?" said Ted Lee, witness to the event.

Trudeau, Holes and Catin all left campus Tuesday voluntarily after several hours of deliberations with police.



# Davis Center approaches completion

By ALISON STOUT  
Senior Staff Writer

The Davis Center, with its seemingly endless construction, is actually on schedule.

"We said we'd be completed in fall of '07," project manager Ray Lavigne said.

"I remember being told it would be done by fall '07," freshman Miriam Rothschild said, "but in construction things tend to take longer than predicted."

"I think everything is going on time," sophomore Kerrie Lohr said. "It's a little scary."

Two areas are not yet completed, and both are areas where the design was changed to enhance looks, according to Lavigne.

"The fourth floor ballroom will be used for special functions and outdoor groups,"

Lavigne said. "We thought we should dress it up, make it something we could be proud of."

The tunnel under Main Street, which was originally constructed in 1975 and was shut down last year, should be reopened early next week, according to Lavigne.

"The tunnel is being incorporated into the Davis Center. There is a whole new lobby on the Main Street side, and another on the first floor of the Davis Center."

"We're going with a whole new concept. There will be custom-built bulletin boards, a lightwall like in an airport, and built-in maple benches," he said.

The tunnel was bare metal with a strip of fluorescent lights along the ceiling, according to Lavigne.

The new tunnel is heated and air-conditioned. It has a purple wall and will have nice

carpeting.

"There will be two plasma screens which will show what is going on in the Davis Center for that week and can also show news," Lavigne said.

He said there will also be an electronic kiosk with a variety of information. The kiosk will be able to tell users the approximate amount of energy being used at any given moment in the Davis Center and how many kilowatt hours are being used per person in the building, among other interesting facts.

"I think the tunnel is going to be very useful on those cold, windy days. Much better than waiting at the crosswalk on Main Street," sophomore Meghan Levick said.

The new ballroom and tunnel designs do cost more money than initially allotted, but Lavigne says they are worth it.

"I thought there was going

to be more room for clubs, and it would have been nice for them to utilize the fourth floor for clubs, too," Levick said.

"I liked Billings. I think it's beautiful. But I understand why the Davis Center was built, because it's so centralized, so in the middle of campus," said Rothschild.

"I think it's an excessive amount of space with not a lot in it," said sophomore Marielle Ludwig. "And don't get me started on the food situation."

"It's so big! It's huge! It's a monolith!" Lohr said.

Although construction has gone "very smoothly," according to Lavigne, the phase opening was somewhat difficult.

The bookstore and the CatCard office moved in on May 1, and student organizations, food services, and everything else moved in over the summer.

Lavigne said that the phase opening made sense in

this situation, but it made it more difficult.

"It makes it harder on everyone, but we all managed to co-exist," Lavigne said.

"Take the fire alarm testing, for example. Not a lot of fun to go through, but we've got to do it to get the occupancy permit."

"It's hard to work around occupants, but it has been especially hard on the Terrill Hall people. It's been about three years of construction for them, a little bit of a challenge, but they've been good neighbors," he said.

The construction outside is also right on schedule.

"The outdoor work was expected to be completed in the fall," Lavigne said. "It's much better for planting."

Lavigne said that the outside will probably be finished by Oct. 15, and that the inside will be fully completed before that date, as well.

## HAZMAT

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and it was at that point that they made the decision to dispose of those [bottles]," Barrington said. "And they disposed of them in a way that is not in accordance with UVM policy."

Stuart explained that the Risk Management offices, which, according to their Web site, exists to support compliance with environmental and safety regulations, are responsible for 500 laboratories on campus with 1,200 workers all of whom change every couple of years.

According to Stuart, the Burlington Fire Department was called in because an employee became ill and thus removed jurisdiction over the situation from UVM and Risk Management, who would normally handle a situation like this.

At 8:42 a.m. when the BFD, UVM Police and UVM Rescue responded to the emergency call and after confirming that everyone had evacuated Torrey Hall they sealed off the area, according to the press release.

According to Fire Chief Michael O'Neil and Vermont State Hazardous Materials Chief Chris Herrick, once it was confirmed that the custodian, who had been taken to Fletcher Allen Health Center for care, had been released the HazMat unit sent a strike team into the building.

Herrick said the team, which was outfitted in level B chemical protection suits, entered the building expecting to find a couple of bottles and analyze them on the scene.

But once inside the team encountered 40-50 bottles and decided to remove them and hand them over to UVM for analysis.

After determining what the chemicals were, Francis Churchill, the Environmental Safety Compliance Manager tested the air in the building, certifying that the building was completely safe. The caution tape was removed by 5:30 p.m., according to a press release.

Sigma Alpha Lambda, a National Leadership and Honors Organization with over 70 chapters across the country, is seeking motivated students to assist in starting a local chapter (3.0 GPA Required).

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Caleb Dolph waits outside a door in the Living and Learning complex. The complex was one of those tested by SGA in an investigation of dorm security.

## SECURITY

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the complex and use the elevator to get into Christie with no card," Christie Hall resident Emily Anne Strattner said.

The survey did yield some positive results, however.

"Based on our door testing, we found Trinity, Chittenden/Buckham/Wills and Jeanne Mance to be the safest part of campus by far," Taylor said.

The SAC hopes that this resolution will help that trend spread campus-wide. "It's the mission of my committee to make these statements true, and that's going to involve cooperation with Residential Life and the Physical Plant," Taylor said.

The main reason for the concern with residence hall security, according to Sgt. Dan Finnegan, Team Leader of Athletic Campus, is theft. "A lot of people leave their room doors open or unlocked with their computers out. If someone gets into the residence hall, it's sometimes a free-for-all" Finnegan said.

Sgt. Finnegan attributes some of this crime to the ease of entry. "It's oftentimes a crime of opportunity, if I'm a criminal, I'm going to go somewhere that's unlocked," Finnegan said.

Although the report compiled by the Student Action Committee suggests that it's relatively easy to enter residence halls unauthorized, students appear to not be too concerned. "There are always going to be people walking around in the dorms. I just lock my door," Dickerman said.

The issue of residence hall security goes beyond the doors, however: The presence of RAs and Resident Housing Officers in halls helps deter suspicious activity.

Despite all of the concern, steps have been made over the past year to increase dorm security. "You used to be able to slide a piece of paper under the doors with CatCard access and open them without anyone pushing the crash bar from the inside," Finnegan said. "They've fixed that issue now."

Residential Life personnel now have an added presence in the halls. "It definitely helps to have RAs at the front desks, that was a great move by Residential Life," Finnegan said.

Taylor, sponsor of the SGA resolution, who is also an RA in Harris/Millis, noted Residential Life's increased concern. "Residential Life has impressed upon us as RAs not to let anyone in unless we recognize them," Taylor said.

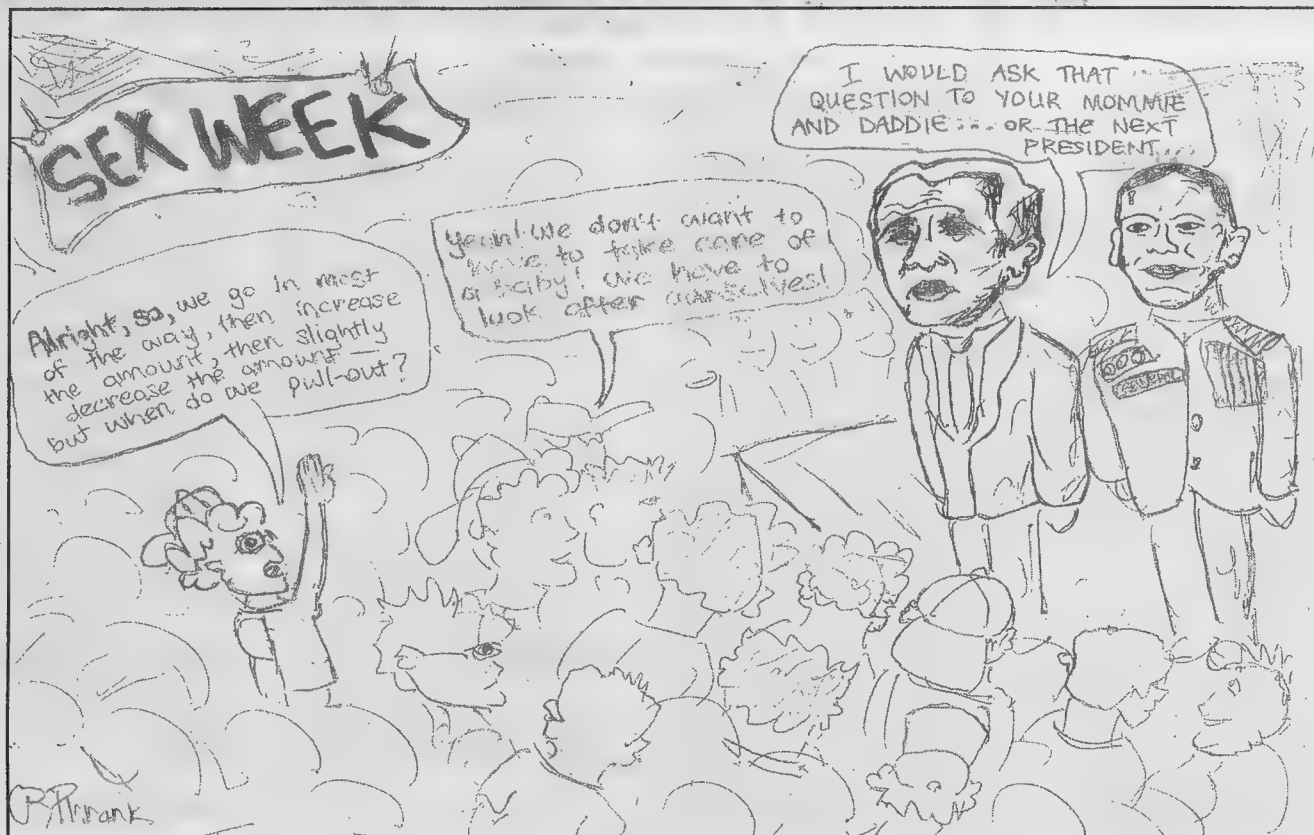
Sgt. Finnegan echoed this notion that it's not just physical barriers keeping potential criminals out of the residence halls. "As long as the students, faculty and staff are disciplined to not let people in, this program will work," Finnegan said.



## THE DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Is it time to give you  
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... operations in Iranian  
territory, in order to  
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**Sen. Joseph  
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## Concerning a student's rights

In the name of safety, this University has seen fit to exercise its considerable powers to erode our privacy and, perhaps more disturbingly, invite the police into our homes.

We would like to know why those in charge of UVM have decided that the liberty and freedom of its students to make healthful decisions for themselves is not as important as their safety because, frankly, we think otherwise.

The effects of various University positions, such as the new bias incident initiatives, and the implementation of a "dry dorm" policy have attacked what many even consider not to be problems with solutions that are themselves ill-designed.

There are three questions at the core of this concern that must be addressed.

First, is drug and alcohol use by responsible adults necessarily bad?

Second, to what extent does the University have the right to exercise its authority over students who are not bringing harm to other members of their community?

And third, will these policies, if accepted, produce intended results?

This University, we believe, has

presupposed answers to these questions which will prove detrimental to the goals of an institution of collegiate education.

It is our stance that experimentation, more explicitly smoking marijuana or drinking alcohol, is not necessarily evil, that every member of a community should have the right to do with himself or herself what they will so long as they bring no harm to their neighbors, and that many new University policies mask the issues that they address, instead of solving them.

There exists a fine line between freedom and safety that society constantly toes. The situation at UVM is a reflection of this larger question. What do we value more, freedom or safety?

We would suggest that it is liberty that should be valued most, and that the increasingly open invitation of police onto this campus, and the evermore intrusive policies of this University contradicts this ideal, thereby fostering an environment which discourages independent thought and personal growth, and which raises questions about basic privacy rights.

Many of the University's students

came here not because it has developed a reputation for safety, but because it is perceived as a freer, more open, and more liberally-minded university.

UVM is defying this image without regard for the wishes of its student population whom should be more closely integrated into the policy-making process of this school.

But, even if we are to grant that the University is right in pursuing its goals, the effects of these policies are of questionable value.

Banishing alcohol on-campus does not prevent students from drinking, but forces them downtown or behind closed doors where they cannot be as well monitored by their responsible peers. Attacking issues of sensitivity may not produce a more tolerant student, but instead eschew discussion of equality and fairness.

We believe the community should re-evaluate and reorganize its drug, alcohol and sensitivity policies to adapt to the realities of college life.

This issue we find most vitally urgent. It effects quality of life on campus in general, and will have ramifications that vitally impact the way its students grow and mature as adults.

## A path to "broader learning"

It is getting to that time of year when all the applications for spring study abroad are due. Many people are vacillating on whether or not they should go abroad and making long lists of reasons why they are either worried, nervous or just plain scared of going.

The questions that those looking into study abroad should really be asking themselves is not, "Should I go?" But instead, "Where should I go?" and, "How long should I go for?"

What other situation do we have in our lives to travel and be abroad like this? Because, to tell you the truth, that is what study abroad is, traveling and seeing the world.

Once you graduate college there are very few jobs you can get where they give you "credit" for being abroad for six months to a year. But here at the University of Vermont, not only do they let you go abroad, they want you to. And on top of it all

they give you credit for it.

UVM's requirements makes it so easy compared to what other colleges require. Not only do they let you go on practically any program that you can find, but getting credit for the classes you take while abroad generally transfer without many hitches, which is something that can't be said for other colleges and universities.

On top of that, getting a passing grade is all that is required to receive credit at UVM and the grades do not affect your GPA when they transfer.

So for those of you preoccupied with what will happen to your academic standing in Burlington when you are abroad, worry not.

But if this is still something you can't get past, there are currently 14 UVM run exchange programs to countries ranging from Finland to Japan with everything in between.

As far as languages go, it is almost a non-issue. On top of there being hundreds of English speaking loca-

tions around the world, you can go abroad to almost any city in the world where they speak another language with one semester of that language or sometimes less.

Money is a big stumbling block for many people. But, again, UVM does all it can to help.

There are many scholarships out there for people looking to studying abroad. Also almost every program accepts student loans and with the UVM programs you can use your scholarships.

What's more, the tuition for most programs, including ones in "expensive" European cities, is much less expensive than out-of-state UVM tuition.

If you are still questioning whether you should go or not consider this: study abroad is what college is all about; experiencing new things and getting out in the world to learn not only about new cultures but about yourself as well.



# Letters To The Editor

## Reaction, "still-open wound"

I am writing to rebut the appalling and poorly argued Op-Ed, "A Still-Open Wound."

Perhaps it would benefit Michael Michaud to know that a vast majority of those who remained in New Orleans did not own cars and therefore did not have a direct way to flee the city.

Also, a great majority of the citizens who remained behind also were in the lower income bracket. As such, many of them could not afford a bus or plane ticket out of there on only 48 hours notice.

Michael Michaud could also look at several factors leading up to Hurricane Katrina before he absolves the Bush administration which cut considerably into the budget allocated to the Army Corps of Engineers for upgrading the levees earlier in his tenure, and which eradicated funds to conserve and strengthen local wetlands, which are responsible for absorbing hurricane flooding that would otherwise pummel inland infrastructure.

The cost of these restoration projects would have cost a fraction of the price of a full-fledged rebuilding effort.

Only a couple of months after Hurricane Katrina, Congress passed a budget bill that cut nearly \$50 billion in federal aid programs including Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and Medicaid.

The irony is this bill was passed with the excuse of needing to offset Katrina aid packages by then significantly cutting into those same programs destitute Katrina victims might depend on while attempting to rebuild their lives.

Of further irony is that this budget bill was juxtaposed with another bill that offered over \$70 billion in tax cuts for the wealthy.

Additionally, the money put towards rebuilding New Orleans pales in comparison to the half-trillion dollars the U.S. has put towards our military operations in Iraq.

Perhaps it surprises Michaud that there are people in this country who don't own cars or have other resources readily available or affordable to them.

Or perhaps he thinks they should be punished for it. It definitely seems to surprise him that some people who lose their homes, jobs and even loved ones all at once cannot rebound in the incredibly "long" span of two years. Hurricane Katrina called attention to how little the U.S. as a society and so-called superpower has really evolved, how little our government cares for the well-being of its people (which was the intent of its creation), and how much racism still pervades our collective psyche.

These points are embodied in Michael Michaud's Op-Ed, which demonstrates a complete lack of understanding or empathy beyond the scope of the author's own experience.

Sincerely,  
Laura Kiesel

## Drug dog not welcome at UVM

In last week's article "SGA holds inaugural session in Davis Center," it was mentioned that UVM's new drug dog was the source of much discussion at the first SGA meeting.

While SGA Senator Jay Taylor spoke for those students concerned about a violation of their privacy rights, "Senator Christina Wehry said drug dog is a further step toward campus safety and will help students who abuse drugs habitually and are in need of

assistance."

My question to Ms. Wehry is simple: How will the drug dog actually increase safety and help students?

Will it help a student who uses drugs when the cops slap the cuffs on him or when he goes to court? Does it help the student when the school has his/her parents notified and he/she is placed on social probation?

Frankly, it seems a bit ridiculous for one of our student

representatives to be telling fellow students what they need to cope with their own problems—which generally affect no one but themselves.

Police do not help with drug problems; the law punishes rather than rehabilitates. Punitive measures have proven to be ineffective and unjustified for most personal drug offenses.

If students need help with an essentially personal and victimless crime like drug

abuse, they can get it from people who care and will help, like doctors, therapists and psychiatrists, but not from a callous cop or a drug dog.

Props go to Senator Taylor for speaking for the vast majority of students; and shame on Senator Wehry for acquiescing to such a ridiculous measure which is unfit at an institution of higher learning.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Gondelman

## Bathroom policies imperil lives

It has been brought to my attention over the past few weeks as a resident of the Wing Davis Wilks Complex, more specifically Wing, that our beloved handicap bathrooms have been inaccessible. These bathrooms have provided sanctuary for many of the students who prefer to

**In the time that it takes to walk all the way down the stairs, find someone who actually has a key ... death may be inevitable.**

perform some of life's most personal acts in private.

Like a child waiting for his or her birthday I have eagerly checked the door's lock every time I passed, each time ending in disappointment, confusion and unbridled anger.

After questioning the front desk staff, the RAs and the cleaning staff, as well as attempting to pick the lock with a hair pin and a credit card and getting nowhere, it was time to appeal to a higher power.

An e-mail was written to our Resident Director questioning the status of our bathrooms.

His response astonished me. Our RD stated that the bathrooms were "locked" because they

are reserved for those with disabilities and for emergency situations only.

I mean no disrespect by questioning the need for a handicap bathroom; I think we all understand and appreciate its necessity.

The part that I am having difficulty swallowing is what would constitute as an emergency situation and why the bathroom door would have a sign next to it with a little man, a little lady and then a wheelchair on it.

Wouldn't that suggest that it's for everyone?

Apparently our RD and whoever else thought it was a good idea to lock these bathrooms have different opinions of what a bathroom emergency actually is, however, I think that my ideas of these "emergencies" are those that most other students can relate to.

For instance, I believe that waking in the middle of the night with the urge to go and deciding that you are simply too "tired" to walk all the way down the hall from those several walks from Redstone to Main that you had made during the day, could result in a potentially deadly bladder infection.

In addition, I think we can all agree that the hour to hour and a half period after eating Paradise Burrito is an absolute state of emergency, especially

when you factor in the sprint you have to make all the way down the hallway to the communal bathroom, rather than the casual stroll to the private bathroom right across the hall.

I will assume for a moment that this RD and those others involved in the bathroom locking actually have "bathroom emergencies" in mind.

However, emergencies entail a panic situation with often very little to no time. I remind you that the door is locked.

In the time that it takes to walk all the way down the stairs, find someone who actually has a key, take the key all the way back up the stairs and finally open the lock, another bladder infection could have developed and again death may be inevitable.

If the student does not die from infection, then death by embarrassment of just not making it in time is surely a possibility.

I fully and truly understand the need for a handicap bathroom; however, as a high tuition paying student I find it nearly criminal to have a perfectly functioning bathroom be refused to majority of the student body to be reserved for a very rare, if at all existent, occasion.

Sincerely,  
Aly Preis

## Courting the behemoth

The Davis Center is nice and all, don't get me wrong, but was it really all that necessary?

Was it necessary for those years where heavy construction bottlenecked off Central Campus from Athletic and beyond? Were the millions of dollars of hard earned tuition all that well spent?

We had everything that the Davis Center provides somewhere else on campus long before it was ever conceived.

Where we had a bookstore, we now have gravel and pavement.

We had Billings Student Center. Hell, I liked Billings with its cool wooden ceiling arches and the underground passages that led to who knows where. And let's not forget the space for student clubs there.

And Cook Commons was the only place where you could get good mashed potatoes, but now the place only accepts blocks.

You walk into Davis and are bombarded by sleazy commerce trying to wheedle you out of your hard earned cash; an entire bank branch to scam our UVMers into credit cards and high interest loans, a Vermont local goods shop and, what is that? A bar?

And the whole place seems so impersonal and mean; Roman pillars holding up nothing of importance. The largest single building in Vermont with the widest set of stairs.

There's a freaken "Earth Day Flag" flying out front. Add that to the hypocrisy of such a titanic, air-conditioned building in Vermont. I swear that every time I open and close the main doors by the "Oval" it sounds like they're laughing at me. I'm serious.

What I'm trying to say is that all this expansion isn't necessarily a good thing. As our numbers begin to swell and our campus along with it, our school is going to lose that tightly-knit charm that first brings us here. Friendly strangers will dissolve, and get lost in the crowd.

And the Davis Center, a symbol of it all, is just the start.

Sincerely,  
Simon Hall

## Memorializing 9/11

University of Vermont, I'm ashamed.

In order to date his notes, a student in one of my classes turned around and asked his neighbor what the date was.

The date? Sept. 11. How could someone forget that? I'm sorry, did Facebook not send a notification?

Alright, maybe that's overly harsh. It did happen six years ago; the Pentagon has been repaired, we're starting work on Ground Zero and Michael Moore's shock-u-mentary is in Blockbuster's discount bin.

But this was a day, historians will argue, when we can all look back on as a true changing point in both American and world history—yet we're not treating it as such.

Sure, each student should honor those who perished in their own way. I'm not advocating a mandatory, day-long religious ceremony. But it's also clear that the University should have organized some type of unifying, public way to mourn the dead.

True, the flag outside the Davis Center was lowered to

half mast. A few professors took the time to recall where they were at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane hit the Trade Center, and make some tie-in to the day's lesson. And I even saw one student wearing red, white and blue.

But it's not enough.

The fact is, the day and the students of the University of Vermont deserve an organized, secular service where they can come together at their own will to share memories, light a candle and simply remember the day.

There are probably a few reasons for UVM's under-honoring of Sept. 11, 2001.

One, as I said before, might be that wounds have healed and students would prefer to not re-open them.

Another may lay in the fact that politicians, specifically conservatives, have forced patriotism down our throats to the point where liberals rebel by default.

You know them—they're the ones that continue to draft legislation in the name of America.

They sling around words like "un-American" and "unpatriotic" and continue to wrap themselves in the flag in order to justify their hack-jobs on the U.S. Constitution and bumbling war efforts abroad.

And any smart, politically-minded UVM student is against all of this. So, sadly, their actions have taught us to question the motives of being overly patriotic.

But remembering the most important day in the last decade, Sept. 11, 2001, does not make you a whack-job conservative. It doesn't make you rooted in the past. It doesn't make you a big baby. It doesn't make you a supporter or opponent of anything political.

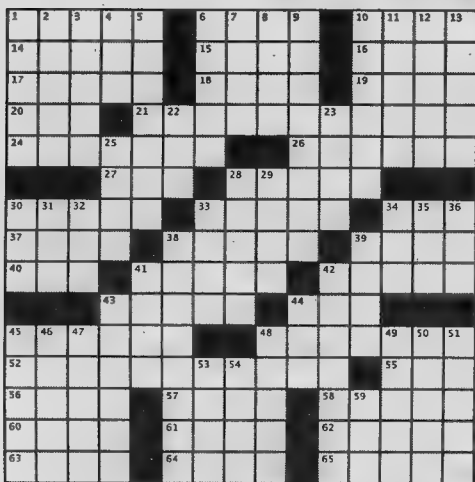
Rather, you're simply showing your respects on a day that left almost 3,000 people dead, and led to invasions in two Middle Eastern nations, changing contemporary history.

Wake up UVM, it's September 11.

Sincerely,  
Julia Michel

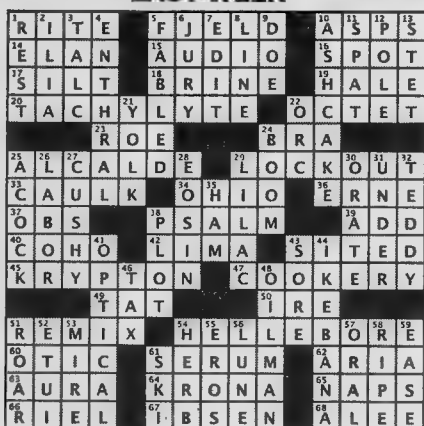


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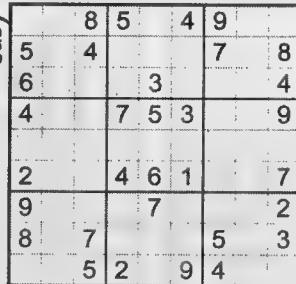


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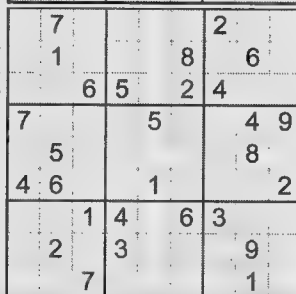
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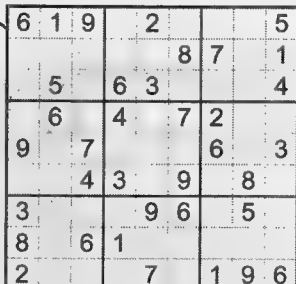
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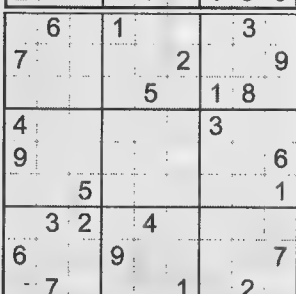
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### ACROSS

- 1- Clock faces
- 6- Short tail
- 10- Heroin, slangily
- 14- Religion of the Muslims
- 15- Sworn thing
- 16- Commotion
- 17- Run away to get married
- 18- Fleshy fruit
- 19- Go back, in a way
- 20- Sawbuck
- 21- Brave
- 24- Loud-voiced person
- 26- Flowering shrubs
- 27- Monetary unit of Japan
- 28- Hanging limply
- 30- Old card game
- 33- Loses heat
- 34- Guy's partner
- 37- Fishing vessel, perhaps
- 38- Like gauze
- 39- Decoy; 40- Posed
- 41- Specialty
- 42- Lover of Juliet
- 43- Glaze
- 44- Mouthpiece of a bridle
- 45- Flowed out
- 48- Listener
- 52- Becoming slower
- 55- Ten of these equal one dong in Vietnam
- 56- Indigo
- 57- Facilitate
- 58- 8th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 60- Scotch, e.g.
- 61- Pelt
- 62- Measured with a watch
- 63- Compass direction
- 64- Show to a table
- 65- Unfolds

### DOWN

- 1- Eats to a plan
- 2- A toll unit
- 3- Unaccompanied
- 4- One circuit
- 5- Ore refinery
- 6- Lethargy
- 7- Normandy city
- 8- Four Corners state
- 9- Consisting of three laminations
- 10- Robust
- 11- Fable
- 12- Milk snake
- 13- Effects
- 22- Electrically charged atom
- 23- Swiss peaks
- 25- Russian no
- 28- Awkward boors
- 29- Exude slowly
- 30- Delivery room docs
- 31- Extinct flightless bird
- 32- Cave dweller
- 33- Mercury and Saturn, e.g.
- 34- Resin
- 35- Exist
- 36- Summer sign
- 38- Virtue
- 39- Monetary unit of Lesotho
- 41- Run away
- 42- Masquerade ball
- 43- Esophagus
- 44- Partially opened flower
- 45- Angry
- 46- Capital of Yemen
- 47- Minor mistakes
- 48- Concerning
- 49- Topic
- 50- Like granola
- 51- Highways, e.g.
- 53- Grasp
- 54- Bhutan's continent
- 59- In



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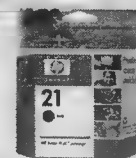
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## Rugby steamrolls St. Mike's Last Week



(Above) Senior outside center David Cahill is lifted as he tries to break through Saint Mike's lines in UVM's victorious season opener.

(Bobby Bruderie/Vermont Cynic)

### The Catamounts trounce the Purple Knights 35-5

By IBI TARIQ

Cynic Correspondent

This past Saturday, UVM men's rugby club opened up their 2007 season with a win against St. Michael's rugby club.

The match turned out to be a one-sided affair, with the Catamounts walking away with a 35-5 win against nearby rivals.

Led by senior captains Matt Bystock and Dane Norman, UVM dominated in all aspects of the game, controlling possession for the majority of play, capitalizing on multiple tries and overall great teamwork.

UVM opened up the scoring early in the game on a try by Norman. After punting the ball downfield, Norman raced down the right sideline, diving onto the ball in the in-goal. With the kick conversion the Cats went up 7-0, a lead they did not relinquish.

UVM controlled the ball for much of the opening stages of the game and would capitalize again, this time on a try scored by senior Will Mullin after a long and crafty run down the sideline.

St. Mike's, however, was determined to get on the board. After a great defensive stop by UVM near their own in-goal, the Purple Knights finally broke through to score.

The conversion after the try failed.

A kick by UVM would end the scoring in the first half.

"We got off to a fast start, which set the tempo for the whole game," head coach Declan Connolly said. "The problem with a fast start is that it is very hard to maintain, and we did have a small break in flow midway in the first half.



Senior wing Jon Parker receives a pass from teammate and fly half, senior Dane Norman in Saturday's match. Norman, a co-captain, scored the match's opening try, while Parker scored the final try to end the game 35-5.

(Bobby Bruderie/Vermont Cynic)

"The nice thing though is that we had the maturity and organization to regroup and comeback."

The second half started off with an early bang for UVM, with senior Joey Besl taking the second half kickoff all the way down the field, only to be stopped a foot from the Purple Knight's in-goal.

St. Mike would hold the Cats in the ensuing sequence, but Vermont powered in five minutes later on a try by sophomore Adam Burgess.

Working with the wind at their backs, UVM scored again on another run down the sideline by Mullin. The scoring barrage would end on a try by senior Jon Parker.

By the time it was over, UVM had scored three unanswered tries in the second

half.

Excellent pressure by the defense and capitalizing on the Purple Knight's mistakes would enable UVM to end the game on a second-half shutout of St. Mike's.

"We had the wind with us in the second half, and we used it well. We also capitalized on [St. Mike's] mistakes, playing very well as a team," Connolly said. "It's a great win for us, we get a bonus point from the number of tries we scored."

Vermont plays their home opener Saturday, Sept. 22 against BU and remains at home to take on defending national champion Middlebury on Sept. 29.

The Cats will look to build on their season opening win and also avenge last year's 13-10 loss at Middlebury.



Sophomore inside center Adam Burgess runs up the pitch to score UVM's first try of the second half. Burgess started a 21-point rally for the Cats.

(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

**Tuesday, September 11**

Men's Soccer vs Harvard

— Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0

Harvard 1-1-2

**Thursday, September 13**

Field Hockey @ Pacific

— Win

Vermont: 1-2-3

Pacific: 0-1-1

**Friday, September 14**

Women's Soccer @ Saint John's

— Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0

Saint John's: 1-1-2

Men's Soccer @ Sacred Heart

— Double OT Win

Vermont: 0-0-0-1-1

Sacred Heart: 0-0-0-0-0

**Saturday, September 15**

Field Hockey @ Michigan

— Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0

Michigan: 4-1-5

**Sunday, September 16**

Men's Soccer @ Central Conn.

— Win

Vermont: 1-1-2

Central Conn.: 1-0-1

Women's Soccer @ Buffalo

— Loss

Vermont: 0-1-1

Buffalo: 2-0-2

Field Hockey @ Louisville

— Loss

Vermont: 0-2-2

Louisville: 4-0-4

## Conference Standings

### America East Field Hockey

1. Vermont, AE - (1-0) Overall - (6-3)
  2. BU, AE - (0-0) Overall - (6-2)
  3. Albany, AE - (0-0) Overall (5-3)
  4. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0) Overall - (5-3)
  5. Maine, AE - (0-0) Overall - (3-4)
  6. Fairfield, AE - (0-1) Overall (1-6)
- ### America East Men's Soccer
1. Hartford, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-0-1)
  2. Binghamton, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (5-2-0)
  3. UMBC, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-1-1)
  4. Stony Brook, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-2-0)
  5. Vermont, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-4-0)
  6. BU, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-3-0)
  7. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-3-1)
  8. Albany, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-5-1)
  9. Maine, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-4-0)
- ### America East Women's Soccer
1. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (4-1-1)
  2. Stony Brook, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-2-1)
  3. Albany, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-2-2)
  4. Hartford, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-2-2)
  5. BU, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-4-0)
  6. Maine, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-3-2)
  7. UMBC, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-4-1)
  8. Vermont, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-4-1)
  9. Binghamton, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (0-5-0)



## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

A column by The Vermont Cynic Sports Staff

Good Week for Kevin Everett  
By NICK DECARO

In a sense it is a good week for the Buffalo Bills tight end, though he sustained a catastrophic neck injury during last Sunday's game.

When first diagnosed, his injury was life threatening and there was a less than five percent chance of Everett regaining use of his legs.

Now he has shown signs of voluntary movement of his legs.

Though a long journey still awaits Everett, he now has the chance to walk.

### Bad Week for TCU

Picked to be this year's Boise State and BCS killer, TCU dropped to 1-2 on the season with a 20-17 OT loss at Air Force.

Last weekend the Horned Frogs had a chance to legitimize themselves as a contender, but were run over by Texas 34-13 and dropped from the top 25.

Cinderella fans should turn their attention to Hawaii and Heisman hopeful Colt Brennan as a potential BCS buster in 2007.

### Bad Week for Notre Dame By IBI TARIQ

Can it really get any worse for Notre Dame?

Michigan, won the highly anticipated matchup of great powerhouse schools, demolishing the Irish, 38-0.

Charlie Weis now has the daunting task to start from scratch and fix his 0-3 team.

An 0-8 finish does not seem so impossible anymore.

### Good Week for Kentucky

Kentucky beat Louisville 40-34 this past Saturday, winning their first game against a Top-10 opponent in three decades.

Kentucky senior QB Andre Woodson beat old high school rival Louisville QB Brian Brohm for the first time, as the Wildcats gave Louisville's National Championship hopes a serious blow.

### Bad Week for Daniel Cabrera By ZACH PARKER

Daniel Cabrera garnered further embarrassment for the Baltimore Orioles when he threw at the head of Dustin Pedroia last week and cleared the benches.

The Red Sox showed their maturity by not retaliating, proving that they are poised for a postseason run.

### Good Week for Oakland Fans

Although they lost to perennial losers Detroit last week, the Oakland Raiders showed early fire off the ball and quarterback Josh McCown ended the game with over 300 passing yards.

With JaMarcus Russell finally under contract, the lowly Raiders might just have enough momentum to surprise their rivals the Denver Broncos this week.

# Football trounces 11-man Exeter Gamblers

The Cats improve to 3-0 on the season with a steep 49-0 victory

By ZACH PARKER

Cynic Correspondent

Only three games into the return of football to the University of Vermont, the upstart Catamounts are proving they're here to stay as they stand at 3-0 following their latest win.

Coming off an impressive win against the Central Vermont Ravens, the Cats faced the Exeter Gamblers on Saturday night, and it didn't take long for UVM to show that

they came out to play.

Following a 47-yard kickoff return by Doug Deluca, the Catamounts turned to last week's standout player, junior Nate Goddard, and once again, he ran the ball extremely well.

Goddard, who finished the game with 95 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries, scored on his fourth carry of the game, creating a momentum that the Cats continued as they rolled to a 49-0 win.

With a big lead heading into the second quarter, Coach Darren Haynes put in many of his reserves against an Exeter team, which brought only 11 players to the game.

"Our plan was to get the

lead and play as many players as we could tonight," head coach Darren Haynes said.

Haynes also gave a lot of credit to the gutsy Gamblers squad, saying that they played a great game.

Another standout player for the Catamounts was freshman safety Tyler Jackson, who had two phenomenal interceptions returned for touchdowns on the game.

"I give props to Exeter, they showed a lot of heart and didn't give up," Jackson said.

Jackson was also quick to mention the UVM reserves that saw most of the action in the game and didn't disappoint.

For the second week in a

row, the Catamount offensive line had an impressive performance.

The linemen paved the way for four rushing touchdowns by three different backs on the night.

"The line blocked well and opened a lot of big holes tonight," Goddard said.

Equally impressive was the UVM defense, which allowed only three points in the last eight quarters of play.

With three wins under their belt as they head into a showdown with Mass Fury this week, UVM is proving that they are a force to be reckoned with in the NIFL and remain undefeated since 1974.



(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

Junior co-captain Connor Tobin makes a running kick in Tuesday's game against #11 Harvard. Tobin and the Cats topped Central Conn., 2-1, in the second round of the Nike Fall Soccer Classic Sunday Sept. 16 at UNH.

## MEN'S SOCCER

Continued from 12

string injury according to athletic trainer Allison Shepherd.

Harvard jumped right back onto the attack in the second half to net their second goal of the game.

The strike came on a counterattack when the Cats lost Fucito and junior John Stamatidis slotted a through ball to him in the box and he chipped it into the back of the net.

Vermont had numerous chances to get back into the game but either could not connect the final pass or couldn't get a shot off around Harvard's fierce back line.

Senior Loren Hill had a great opportunity to net his first goal of the season but his blistering shot from outside the right side of the box that was destined for the upper left corner of the net got deflect over the bar by the Crimson's goalkeeper, Adam Hahn.

"After a very good performance against Michigan State on Sunday, our expectations were a little higher for today, so we can't be satisfied with the way we played," Cormier said.

Vermont now has to pull itself off the mat and prepare for their next set of games before their conference schedule begins with the Cats next home game Saturday Oct. 6 against Albany.

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## NFL Predictions – Week Three

### The Games of the Week

**Cincinnati at Seattle** – This is a great matchup between two teams that could contend for the Super Bowl. It will come down to whether the Bengals can execute in Seattle, which is a very tough place to play. But after the mettle they showed in week one, they will be able to steal this game in the fourth quarter from the Seahawks.  
Cincinnati 27, Seattle 24

**Dallas at Chicago** – These are two of the favorites to come out of the NFC but this game is must win for the Bears. If they cannot win against their main competition at home they may have to kiss their Super Bowl aspirations goodbye.  
Chicago 17, Dallas 14

### The Best of the Rest

**Detroit at Philadelphia** – This might seem like an upset to some, but the way these two teams have been playing so far this season, the Lions definitely have the edge.  
Detroit 27, Philadelphia 20

**Buffalo at New England** – The Pats are almost a playoff lock, even at this early point in the season. The Bills, on the other hand, are not.  
New England 33, Buffalo 13

**Arizona at Baltimore** – The Ravens defense will keep them afloat in this game and for the whole season for that matter. The Cardinals are very talented but still

too raw.

Baltimore 17, Arizona 13

**Indianapolis at Houston** – This has become a surprisingly good matchup over the years but Indy has too much firepower.  
Indianapolis 27, Houston 17

**San Diego at Green Bay** – Green Bay is a tough place to go into, so the only chance the Packers have in this game is if it snows in September.  
San Diego 24, Green Bay 13

**Minnesota at Kansas City** – The Vikings are in a great position in the NFC North if they can get the win in Kansas City. The Chiefs are still trying to get into their groove this season.  
Minnesota 20, Kansas City 13

**Cleveland at Oakland** – This is the battle of the two worst teams in the NFL. This is not going to be about who wins but more who loses. The Raiders are at home, thus have the advantage.  
Oakland 21, Cleveland 13

**Jacksonville at Denver** – The Broncos haven't showed up like people expected them to this season. But they should have enough against the Jags.  
Denver 17, Jacksonville 10

**NY Giants at Washington** – The Giants will hope to get Eli Manning close to full strength this week and will need him

against the Redskins.

New York 20, Washington 17

### For the Record

**Tennessee at New Orleans** – The Saints are at home where they are hard to beat. Even if the Titans play their best game of the season they just don't have enough.  
New Orleans 27, Tennessee 9

**Miami at NY Jets** – The Jets should be able to handle the Dolphins easily, that is unless the Pats decide to share those illegal videotapes.  
New York 24, Miami 17

**St. Louis at Tampa Bay** – The Bucs have not shown the added spunk that was talked about so much before this season and their defense cannot stop the dynamic offense of the Rams.  
St. Louis 27, Tampa Bay 14

**San Francisco at Pittsburgh** – The Steelers are clicking on all cylinders right now. The 49ers are just making a trip to Pittsburgh at the wrong time.  
Pittsburgh 30, San Francisco 10

**Carolina at Atlanta** – The Falcons have yet to rebound from the shocking developments involving Michael Vick from this summer and have to play a very tough Carolina team.  
Carolina 23, Atlanta 10



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Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## Why, Belichick, why?

If it isn't one thing, then it's another.

After enduring two weeks of pure agony with my favorite college football team – arguably two of the worst losses ever for the program – I was in need of a pick-me-up.

Naturally, I turned to my favorite professional team, the New England Patriots for some solace.

I mean I had some high expectations for the Pats coming into the season.

My hopes and dreams were centered on their retooled passing game and the addition of the freakish wideout Randy Moss.

I had been waiting months to see the Patriots suit up again, to hear about a Brady-to-Moss touchdown, to put last year's season-ending loss to the Colts out of my mind.

So, I head to a friend's house to watch the game – it's lunchtime and I needed to get out of the office anyway. We were both excited.

Not long after I showed up, which was sometime during the first part of the second quarter, Tom Brady's golden right arm showed me what I had been dreaming about for all those months: Brady-to-Moss for a 33-yard gain, which was immediately followed by a case of Brady-to-Moss for a 22-yard gain.

Oh, how we celebrated!

It was like that last dollar we spent on a PowerBall ticket had actually paid off.

We were rich beyond our wildest dreams, and everything in the world on that rainy Sunday became much, much brighter.

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Then, after two days spent at the Cloud Nine Club and Spa, it was like the IRS stormed the resort, kicked us out for tax evasion with our PowerBall winnings and confiscated them to boot.

Unbeknownst to my friend and I, Bill Belichick, the Patriots head coach and the NFL equivalent of Yoda (exceedingly goofy hoodie and all), had authorized someone on his staff to videotape the Jets' coaches' signals.

This was not good.

The statement the Patriots made with their season opening victory was washed away with the talk of cheating.

When I found out the punishment that NFL commissioner Roger Goodell levied on the Pats Thursday night at the bar, I spit my beer everywhere.

Belichick accrued the largest possible fine, \$500,000, the team was fined \$250,000, and draft picks will be lost.

Beyond that, though, is the haze of suspicion now hanging over New England's three Super Bowl wins.

I don't get it.

Without the cheating – and against the Jets of all teams – we were accepted as one of the best four teams in the league.

Now, we're just known as the best cheater.

# Face Off

## THE MATCHUP JOSH APPELBAUM VS. IBI TARIQ

1. Was NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's punishment of Bill Belichick surrounding "Videogate" appropriate?

**JA:** In rookie Commissioner Roger Goodell's NFL, criminals are held accountable for their actions and disciplined severely.

Just ask Pacman Jones, Chris Henry and the embattled Michael Vick.

Sticking to his hardball policy, it came as no surprise that Goodell lowered the hammer on Patriots' head coach Bill Belichick.

Caught spying on the Jets' defensive signals through a videotaping assistant in the season opener, the hooded Yoda was fined a maximum \$500K, while the Pats lost \$250K and next season's #1 pick as well.

While the punishment suits the crime, the distraction brought about by Belichick's arrogance and ignorance cannot be mistaken.

**IT:** Roger Goodell's punishment to Belichick is a joke.

Dallas QB coach Wade Wilson was suspended five games by the league for taking HGH for diabetic symptoms. Five games for taking a substance that should improve his quality of life.

Belichick blatantly skewers the competitive playing field, and all he has to do is pay a fine and lose a draft pick?

If Goodell is serious about the integrity of the game, he needs to give Belichick the ironclad discipline that is becoming his signature.

Anything less than that, and Goodell is a hypocrite.

2. How will the knee injury to Greg Oden affect the Portland Trailblazers in 2007-2008?

**JA:** While Portland fans are no doubt cursing the basketball gods for stealing the rookie campaign of #1 overall pick Greg Oden, all hope is not lost.

With an influx of young talent led by reigning rookie of the year Brandon Roy, big man LaMarcus Aldridge and former high school phenoms Martell Webster and Travis Outlaw, the Rose Garden faithful have a bright future ahead of them.

Oden will eventually exorcise the demons of Sam Bowie when he returns to health and the team next season.

Be patient, Trailblazer fans: you will only have to stomach endless Kevin Durant highlights for one season.

**IT:** Greg Oden is not Sam Bowie. He hasn't even played yet. Don't call him Sam Bowie until he's played a year.

If he's still in sickbay then ... that's a different story.

That being said, Oden's leg doesn't ultimately end the Trailblazer's season.

They still have last year's Rookie of the Year in Brandon Roy.

They still have All-Rookie 1st Teamer LaMarcus Aldridge, and traded for Channing Frye from the Knicks on Draft Day this year.

NBA fans should still watch Portland; the problem is that without Oden, TV networks will feel compelled to change Trail Blazer games to more ratings-friendly matches.

3. If the MLB season ended today, who wins the AL and NL MVP?

**JA:** As much as it pains me to admit, the 2007 AL MVP patrols the hot corner and wears #13 for the Bronx Bombers.

While I would love to see the career year of Mike Lowell land him the hardware, even I cannot argue with the monumental season A-Rod is having.

Consistently tearing up the league at will, Rodriguez put the Yanks on his back when all hope seemed to be lost and guided them into playoff contention.

While the NL MVP race is in a dead heat, if the season ended today I'd give it to the magnificent Metropolitan David Wright over the likes of Prince Fielder, Matt Holiday and Chase Utley.

Hitting third for the NL's best team, Wright had been a model of consistency at the plate and in the field as well.

**IT:** Before I say this, just let me emphasize that I hate the fact that I'm about to say this, and that I hate his team, and that George Steinbrenner is the devil.

A-Rod is my pick for AL MVP. I can't help it. His batting has done more for the Bronx than Mayor Bloomberg.

But enough about him, let's talk about the NL. I'd vote for Prince Fielder.

He's brought Milwaukee back to the forefront of the NL Central.

He's leading the NL in homers and near the top in RBIs. Take Fielder off the Brewers, and they're nothing.

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Consistency wins out:  
Ibi 1, Josh 0

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TV ratings are overrated:  
Josh 1, Ibi 1

THE SCORE  
Sorry Boston fans, NY has all the Wright stuff:  
Josh 2, Ibi 1





## This Week

Tuesday, September 18 –  
Monday, September 24

Wednesday, September 19

### Women's Soccer

@ Siena University  
Loudonville, NY, 4 p.m.

Friday, September 21

### Field Hockey

@ Temple University  
Philadelphia, PA, 2 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

@ Colgate University  
Hamilton, NY, 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 23

### Field Hockey

@ Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, NJ, 1 p.m.

### Men's Soccer

@ Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY, 1 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

@ UMass  
Amherst, MA 1 p.m.

## Next Week

Tuesday, September 25 –  
Monday, October 1

Tuesday, September 25

### Men's Soccer

@ Colgate University  
Hamilton, NY, 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 29

### Cross Country

@ Vermont State Meet  
Lyndonville, VT, TBA

### Softball

@ Connecticut  
Storrs, CT, TBA

### Cross Country

@ Murray Keatinge Invitational  
Orno, ME, 10 a.m.

### Men's Soccer

@ Dartmouth  
Hanover, NH, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 30

### Field Hockey

vs. Harvard  
Moulton Winder Field, 1 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

@ Boston University  
Boston, MA, 1 p.m.

# Cats stumble against Harvard



(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

Junior co-captain Connor Tobin (15) heads the ball in Tuesday's game against #11 Harvard. Tobin and the Cats return home to Centennial Field on Oct. 6 where they went a perfect 5-0-0 against conference teams last season.

## Men's soccer starts to feel strain of tough schedule

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

After dropping a 2-0 decision to the Harvard Crimson last Tuesday, Vermont has lost four straight games after winning their first game against perennial powerhouse San Francisco, who were ranked as high as ninth last season.

The undefeated Crimson (4-0-0) jumped on top in the 25th minute when star forward Andre Akpan took a pass from striking partner Michael Fucito while cutting inside the box and blasted a shot of the outstretched hands of UVM's diving goalie, junior Roger Scully.

The Ivy League Rookie of the Year last season, Akpan spent this past summer playing with the United States U-20 World Cup team in Canada along side the likes of Freddy Adu and Josmer Altidore.

The United States team made it all the way to the quarterfinals.

UVM Head Coach Jesse Cormier wanted to challenge his team in their non-conference games.

By scheduling two teams in the top-15 in the nation, #5 Santa Clara and #11 Harvard, as well as #17 Brown in the preseason, the Cats have upgraded their competition significantly from past seasons.

"Harvard is a very good team and they are in a different place than us right now," Cormier said. "I have confidence in our team learning from these tough games as we progress through the season."

Playing their third game in five days, the Cats were on their heels the whole first half trying to withstand the relentless Crimson attack.

They got a boost when sophomore striker T.J. Gore came into the game and wreaked havoc every time he touched the ball but could not turn in a goal.

Gore had been out of action since the first game of the season when he scored the game winner with a ham-

MEN'S SOCCER – 10



## MEN'S RUGBY TRIUMPHS

(Robby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)



## The Second Coming



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Above: Bruce Goff preaches to an assembled group of students, many of whom disagreed with his message and voiced their dissenting opinions. Below: Shawn Holes takes his turn preaching to the crowd.

### Evangelist preachers return to the UVM campus for the second time in two weeks

By ROBERT DOWNEY

Senior Staff Writer

"I value free speech and I also realize that some of the things they are saying can make some members of our community feel unwelcome and even unsafe so it feels important to me to be a visible presence empowering opposing voices."

These are the words of Dot Brauer, the director of LGBTQA, as she passed out rainbow colored stickers to students standing on the causeway between the Bailey/Howe Library and the Davis Center where they listened to evangelists Shawn Holes, Rick Trudeau, and Bruce Goff preach on campus for the second time in just as many weeks.

They returned this past Tuesday, Sept. 18, after having been asked to leave campus the week before by SGA representatives, the Office of Student Life and UVM police because the group didn't appear to have gone through the

proper channels, outlined in the Facilities and Grounds Use policy of the UVM by-laws.

Returning without a permit this past week as well, the group seems intent on the utilization of their first amendment rights and police this time around didn't try to stop them.

"We intended to preserve the basic principles of free speech and to protect the safety and well being of all who attend," UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis said.

"It doesn't become a police matter until their words and actions incite criminal behavior, that isn't protected under the first amendment."

"There's a difference between being physically threatened and emotionally threatened, we're here to make sure the former doesn't become an issue," he said.

The nature of the exchanges between the crowd and the Evangelists was palpably different this past Tuesday than was their first encounter, which seemed far more antagonistic and in many respects ominous. In fact one student, senior Brett Burk, sat down next to Holes as he began to preach and did what appeared to be his home-



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## CODEEE chairman dismissed

By WILLIAM D. SEDLACK

News Editor

The Student Government Association shook the executive board with members of Committee on Diversity Equity & Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) demanding the departure of sophomore chairman John Colin-Quinn.

According to SGA president Kesha Ram, Christina Wehry and Jesse Bragg will fill the chair. Both Wehry and Bragg are seniors.

The two will act as co-chair of the committee which deals with issues of environmental equity and diversity. According to Ram, the two will split the chairman's pay of \$60 per week.

"Members of my committee have expressed their dissatisfaction of my leadership as chairman," Colin-Quinn said. "It's complete bullshit and it is grounds for impeachment for Kesha [Ram], DaVaughn [Vincent-Bryan], and Christina [Wehry]."

"I feel very backstabbed," Colin-Quinn added.

Colin-Quinn noted some dissatisfaction for the committee he once led.

"It wasn't supposed to be diversity, it was supposed to be a committee on the environment," Colin-Quinn said that Ram and former Vice-President Ajay Schmidt forced the addendum of diversity onto the committee.

"I think this is the first bump, it [the Ram administration] is about to fall apart," Colin-Quinn said.

Other members of the executive decision were unaware of the leadership change.

"If that is what they think is in the best interest of the Senate, then okay," said Mike Glynn, Speaker of the Senate. Glynn added that he had heard rumors of the decision.

"This is very discouraging," said Scotty McCarty, chairman of the Committee on Legislative Action.

"I think it's sad. It's a rough start for the beginning of the year for Senate," said Elizabeth Mazer, chair of Public Affairs.

Colin-Quinn is unsure if he will remain a part of the Senate.

Ram added that she believed that Colin-Quinn may not have been ripe for a leadership position.

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Ben Harper comes to the Flynn Center

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Ride along with a UVM police officer

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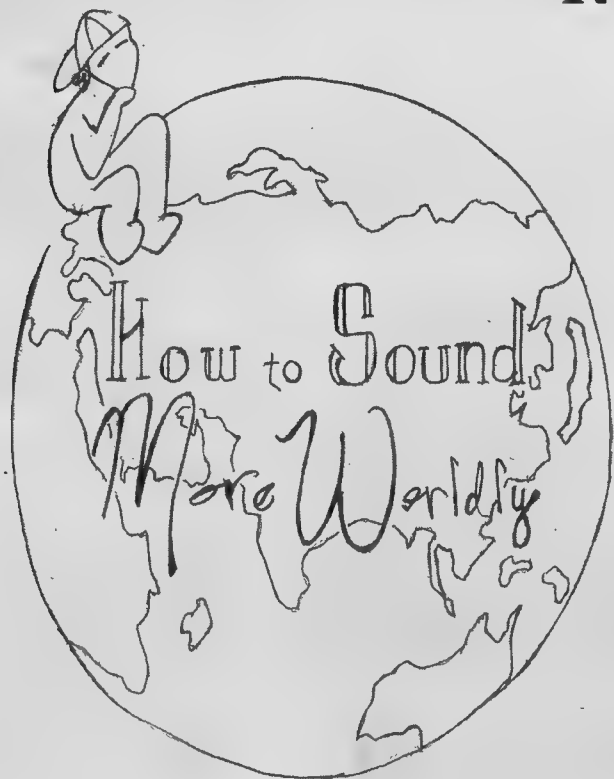


Feeling the "weight" of freshman year? This is the guide to how to stay in shape at school

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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## New coat for velociraptor

Scientists last week said it is likely that the velociraptor, the dinosaur popularized by the film "Jurassic Park" had feathers in real life. The announcement came after close examination of a velociraptor forearm found in Mongolia, which appeared to have quill knobs.

## Britney Spears' latest hit

Last Friday, pop star Britney Spears was charged with hit-and-run driving and driving without a valid California driver's license. Spears was accused of hitting a parked car then driving away.

## Cribs kill kids

Simplicity for Children, a Pennsylvania manufacturer, recalled one million cribs this week after the suffocation deaths of two infants. The deaths were caused by the incorrect installation of a drop-rail side. It is the company's fourth recall in two years.

## OJ is back

Former football star OJ Simpson was released this week on bail set at \$125,000. Simpson was arrested after joining in an armed robbery attempting to reclaim sports memorabilia he claimed to own at a Las Vegas hotel.

## Cocaine found in underwear

A 31-year-old Wisconsin man was arrested last week after police officers found eight grams of cocaine in his underwear. Police also found a crack pipe in the center console of his SUV.

## Clooney hurt

Actor George Clooney suffered a broken rib after his motorcycle collided with a car in New Jersey last Friday. Onlookers said Clooney was attempting to pass the car on the right when it made a right turn.

## Protesters converge in Jena

Last Thursday, more than 10,000 protesters filled the streets of Jena, Louisiana to protest the treatment of six black teenagers who were convicted of attempted murder last year. Their conviction followed the beating of a white classmate who hung nooses from a tree on school grounds.

## Student tased after going over time

At a forum with Senator John Kerry at the University of Florida last week, a student was handcuffed and tased by police after his question exceeded the one-minute time limit. Two police officers involved were placed on temporary paid leave after the incident.

## Private contractor removed from Iraq

Iraqi President Nuri al-Maliki called on the U.S. to remove the private security firm Blackwater from Iraq after a shooting incident that left eight civilians dead. Blackwater, founded in 1997, is responsible for the protection of State Department officials in Iraq.

## Rummy angers Stanford students

The appointment of former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld as a visiting fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University has sparked fierce opposition. Nearly 2,100 students, faculty and staff have signed an online petition protesting his appointment.

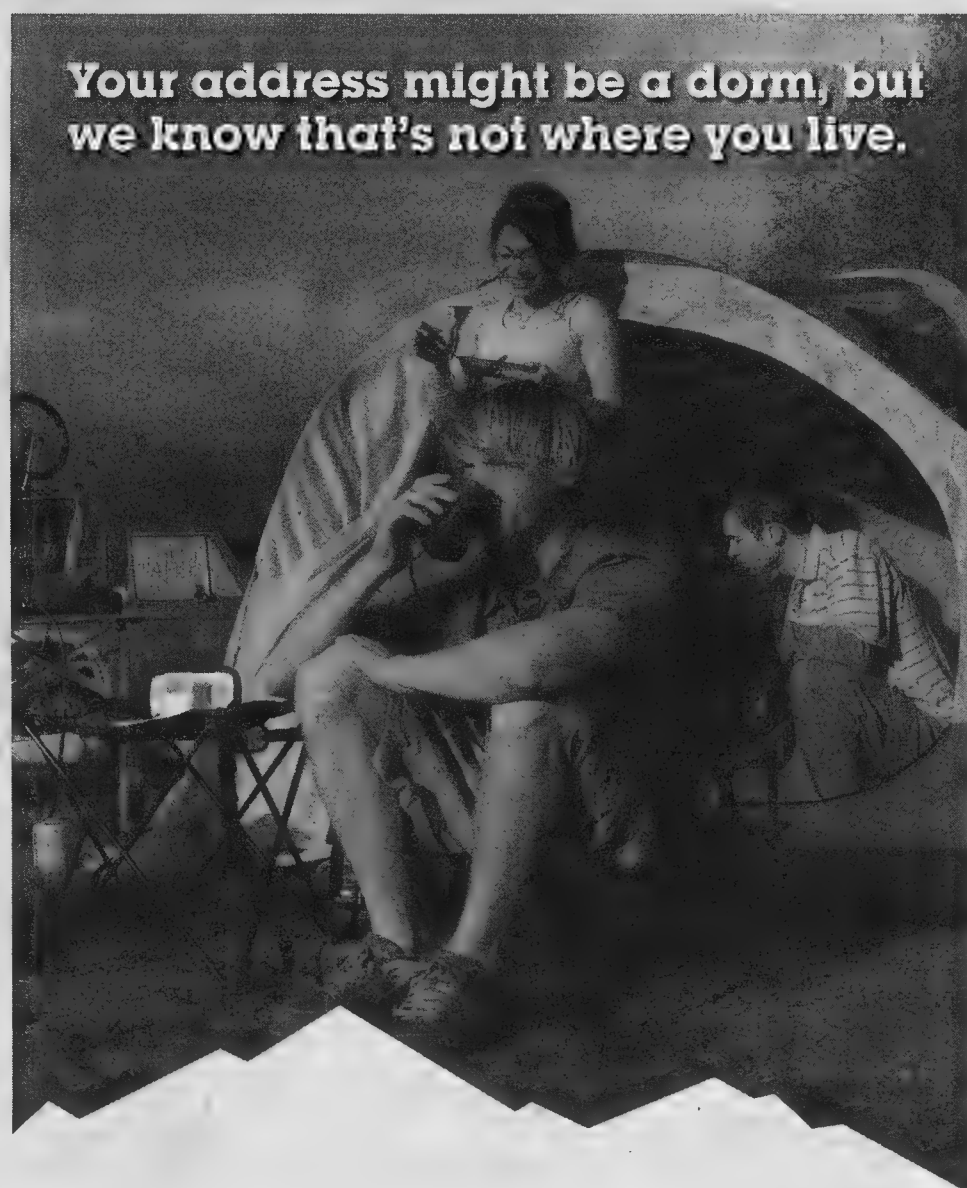
## Burns returns with new documentary

Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns unveiled his most ambitious project yet on PBS last Sunday — a 15-hour film on World War II. The \$13 million project focuses on testimonials from ordinary men and women who lived through the tragedy, Burns said.

## CBS sued by Rather

Former news anchor Dan Rather sued his former employer, CBS, last week, for a breach of contract, stating that the network gave him insufficient airtime on "60 Minutes." CBS forced Rather to step down as host of the "Evening News" in 2005 over his role in an unsubstantiated report on President Bush's National Guard service.

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- The Growing Vermont article on page B8 was written by Alex Haesler.



# Panel convenes to discuss lowering drinking age

By JOE COSMIDES  
Cynic Correspondant

The reduction of Vermont's legal drinking age to 18 was the topic of discussion by a panel of experts hosted by UVM last Thursday.

The panel, held in the Davis Center and open to the public, aimed to address the question, "Why or why not to lower the drinking age to 18", and was sponsored by the UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing and Choose Responsibility, a non-profit group that examines the consequences of a 21-year-old drinking age.

Participants in the panel were Choose Responsibility (CR) Director John McCardell, Massachusetts Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(MADD) Director Barbara Harrington, UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis and SGA Senator and Harris RA Jay Taylor.

CR Director John McCardell, a proponent of lowering the age to 18, advocates alcohol education reform. "The problem with alcohol education now is the prohibitionist view. 'Just say no' doesn't work," he said.

McCardell cited AlcoholEdu, an online education program, as a step in the right direction.

"AlcoholEdu is a program being adopted by campuses across the country and has shown that education does in fact work," McCardell said.

Opposition to McCardell came from MADD Director Barbara Harrington, a proponent of maintaining the drink-

ing age at 21.

"Education alone does not work. What we need is education and enforcement," Harrington said.

UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis understands the challenges of enforcing alcohol laws on a college campus. "Whether it's 18 or 21, students will drink anyway. Ultimately we need to help students make good decisions themselves," he said.

Of concern to SGA Senator and Harris RA Jay Taylor was the disruption that the 21-year-old legal age has on the on-campus community. "When students have to leave their community in the residence halls to drink, it puts them in an uncomfortable situation," Taylor said.

Another element of the is-

sue that was brought up by Barbara Harrington was the physical and social effects of drinking at a younger age. "Young people are drawn to products that mask the taste of alcohol. Underage drinking becomes an incubator for alcoholism later in life," Harrington said.

The health effects of younger drinking also worried Harrington. "Young brains are uniquely at risk for damage from alcohol," Harrington said. "Alcohol creates general havoc in the brain," she added.

John McCardell did not agree. "We don't see evidence of brain impairment in those who drank legally in this country when the age was 18. Of course if you drink too much it will be harmful, but that

doesn't end at a specific age such as 21 or even 91," McCardell said.

McCardell also pointed out the reason that every state has a 21-year-old drinking age. "We don't have a national drinking age. If states set theirs below 21, they forfeit 10 percent of highway funding. As soon as Congress lifts this, we're going to see 50 different experiments across the U.S. with regard to drinking laws as well as driving laws," McCardell said.

"I'm really glad that Mr. McCardell is doing this," Jay Taylor said. "The tendency is to think that only 18-20 year-olds would want this, but its clear that it affects society. It's not just about getting another three years of drinking under your belt," he added.

## Davis Center works towards achieving LEED certification

By TOM MORSE  
Cynic Correspondant

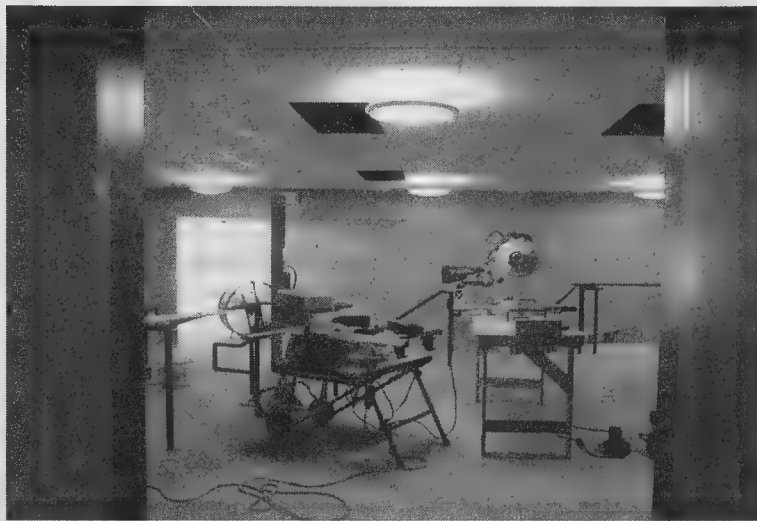
The 186,000 square foot Dudley H. Davis Center has cost \$61 million and has taken almost two years to build; but many believe it will be worth it for the building to have a LEED certification.

"Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" is a certification given to buildings that meet certain criteria for sustainability according to the U.S. Green Building Council.

According to their Web site, the USGBC bases its certification of a building on five aspects of the building process: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

The University has several other buildings on campus that are LEED certified, including the University Heights buildings, and the Carrigan wing of the Marsh Life Sciences building.

The certification of Wing Davis Wilks is pending USGBC approval, but if approved it will acquire a silver certifi-



(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

Entrance to the Main street tunnel awaits completion as UVM finishes the new Davis Center and goes for a LEED certification.

cation according to Michelle Smith Mullarkey, the green building coordinator on campus.

The certification level of different projects relies on a 69-point checklist, established by the USGBC. Each of the points falls into one of six categories based on the five aspects of the LEED building process, plus an additional category for innovations in design

that are not enumerated by the USGBC.

The certification of a building is contingent on the number of requirements on the checklist that a building fulfills. Twenty-six points are required for a basic LEED certification. For a silver certification, 33 points are needed. For gold, 39 points are required, and for a platinum rating, 52 points are required.

As submitted, LEED accredited professionals estimate that the Davis Center will meet 39 requirements, according to Mullarkey, but often the USGBC rejects or questions specific requirements, and a resubmission must be filed.

According to Mullarkey LEED requirements can be difficult to achieve, and all aspects of the construction of a building must be deliberately planned.

"One of the key pieces to green building is to have everyone together from the beginning" Mullarkey said.

Having everyone together from the start helps ensure that all of the criteria for each credit are met, Mullarkey said. The building process is scrutinized and none of the sealants and cleaners should be volatile organic compounds.

The health of those constructing the building is taken into consideration while constructing a LEED building. Mullarkey notes the need to avoid "sick building syndrome" which can occur in buildings where mold, lack of light, or volatile compounds are problems.

Ultimately, however, "the overarching intent of the USGBC is to transform the building process" Mullarkey said. She noted that the Davis Center will have the capacity to be used as a learning tool. A graphic display in the center will supply a digital readout to indicate how much energy and resources are being used.

"On some levels, LEED makes sure common sense is used," Ralph Stuart, the Assistant Director for Environmental Safety said.

According to the policy statement released by the University on Environmental Design in New and Renovated Buildings, "The University will design and build all new buildings and major renovations to a minimum standard equivalent to a 'Certified' rating."

The policy is being revised however to require a "silver" rating after Fogel signed the American College and University President's Climate Commitment; an oath that recognizes global warming as a potentially devastating threat, and calls for the reduction of energy use among colleges.

## UVM prepares for pandemic flu

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO  
Cynic Correspondant

As the cold weather approaches, concern for the seasonal flu is trailing right behind it.

Instead of anticipating only the common flu virus that affects 5 to 15 percent of the population each year, the University administration is preparing for an influenza pandemic that could potentially happen in the future.

"We're not at the point of panicking, we're just thinking of how to respond intelligently and practically as a community [to a pandemic]," co-chair of the University's Emergency Management Planning Working Group Al Turgeon, said.

Turgeon and health expert, Estelle Maartmann-Moe, are collaborating with a Working Group of 35 members, including some SGA representatives.

The group is devising a plan of realistic scenarios, hypotheses and action measures in the event that the flu pandemic strikes.

Chair of the Student Action

Committee, Jay Taylor, thinks that the planning is a smart idea because it prevents a possible destruction of UVM.

"It's all about risk management."

Colleges throughout the country are starting to prepare for this sort of thing because if a pandemic did hit, schools must be prepared to take action and respond to and recover from a pandemic with the least impact to the University and its community," he said.

There have been three pandemics in the past century: the "Spanish Flu" of 1918-19, the "Asian Flu" of 1957-58 and the "Hong Kong Flu" of 1968-69.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, there was no World Health Organization or mass communication that people have today; individuals were not properly informed about the pandemics' arrival, their effects and the necessary mitigation measures.

If a pandemic does strike, it is a possibility that it could be a strand of the avian flu. The avian flu mostly affects wild birds, but it can be passed on to humans. The H5N1 strand of the virus is deadly and has

already killed millions of fowl, and if it begins to transmit from human to human, there could be a massive outbreak.

Although the avian flu has not struck the U.S. or Canada, it is still necessary to take proper precaution.

"We can't fully anticipate when and where the pandemic will hit next, so we just want to be well-prepared," said Turgeon.

Maartmann-Moe also encourages students to practice sensible illness-prevention procedures. Hand-sanitizing, proper eating and sleeping patterns, and maintaining distance from other individuals are helpful tactics. "And if you are sick, just stay home from class and work!" she said.

There will be open forums in which both Turgeon and Maartmann-Moe will discuss the pandemic planning and explain how the administration is preparing. They are encouraging all students, faculty, and staff to attend.

"Community feedback is essential. The more input we receive, the more likely we will have a workable, comprehensible plan," Turgeon said.

## EVANGELISTS

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work.

This time around, instead of mocking, or hurling insults at the men, some students stood up beside them on the marble bench from which they were preaching with signs reading "Jesus Loves Me The Way I Am," and "I Heart Satan."

Around 5:30 p.m. some students got up next to Holes and Trudeau and read from the most recent Harry Potter book whilst the men were preaching.

Reactions amongst students differed, however; some were extremely angered by their presence.

"Please ban people from yelling rhetoric at students," freshman Chris Smith said.

"This guy's a maniac," Brian Pinaud said. "I tried to talk to him about evolution and he changed the subject."

Others were bothered only by the groups volume.

"I want them to be quiet," junior John Headley-Soto said. "I'm trying to study."

The issue of the group's decibel level and content of

their messages brings into question whether or not the group was in clear violation of UVM policy and should have warranted police action.

"The SGA asked police that they be removed from campus," said SGA Senator and former Chair of CODEEE, Colin Quinn. "It's a big statement for police to make to say that they are going to pick and choose which battles they're going to fight."

But according to Margolis, SGA doesn't have the authority to make that request.

The policy states that, "expressed in this policy, all of which will be administered in a manner reasonably designed to advance the mission of the institution, preserve the order necessary to conduct customary University operations and activities, protect the safety of persons and the security of property."

The policy, however, leaves it up to officials to determine whether or not groups affiliated or unaffiliated with UVM are in violation of this policy and what if any the consequences will be for breaking that policy.



# Beloved University employee dead at 79

By TOM MORSE

Senior Staff Writer

A display case with dozens of pictures of smiling students embracing an elderly cashier, who is simply radiating from the attention, hangs in Simpson Hall.

In some photographs, Ruth Earley, is lost in a sea of hockey or basketball players, barely visible, but nevertheless the focus of the picture.

"Ruthie" died this July, making it difficult for many students and co-workers to come to Simpson Dining Hall and not see her familiar smiling face.

"This was her place ... she was dedicated to us," her best friend and co-worker, Arlene McClellan, said. "All the students loved her."

"She was happiest going to work. If she couldn't go to work she wasn't happy at all - all her friends were there," her husband, Robert Earley said.

Earley said he made efforts to keep her happy. He still wakes up at 4 a.m., as he did for the 17 years that Ruth worked the breakfast shift at Simpson.

"Every time I ever called her and asked her to work, she came in. She loved her job," said her manager and friend, Jeremy Metcalf.

"She loved having her picture taken. Every day she brought in her camera, and every day she took a picture," McClellan said. "She did like the attention."

Those who know Ruthie said she loved the students, evident from, as McClellan said, "the 20 questions she had to get out of you before you left," but she had a soft spot for the sports teams.

"The hockey players were definitely her favorites. She had front row seats ... when those boys scored, they would skate right up and tap their sticks on the glass right in front of Ruthie, and she'd cheer them on," McClellan said.

"At each game she sat in the same seat. It

was always Ruthie's seat and nobody else sat there, even if she wasn't there," her long time friend, Liz Arena, said.

Ruthie kept track of the hockey team and called them "my boys" off the ice, friends said.

"She called me her little superstar," junior forward, Dean Strong, said.

"For some of the kids ... she was either their mother or their grandmother while they were at college," Earley said of his wife.

Many that knew Ruthie mentioned her ability to remember names of students.

"[Her memory] was the sharpest thing on her," McClellan said.

"She could recite what happened the day before to you verbatim," Arena said.

"I was her manager for seven years, and she remembered my birthday every year and would get me a card and make sure the baker baked a cake for me," Metcalf said.

"But a good memory coupled with the sharp wit Ruth had gave her the capacity to hold a grudge," Robert said.

"If you made a mistake, she'd forgive you but she wouldn't forget it," he said.

When Robert was overseas in Vietnam, Ruthie asked him to take her to Hawaii if he got some time for rest and recuperation, he said.

"I said 'No, it's a state now, we can go there anytime. I'm gonna go to some places I'll never get a chance to get to any other way.' For about a month she didn't write to me, but after that she started writing again," Earley said.

Friends of Ruthie continue to miss her.

Because of the scores of friends she left behind, and those who have moved on, Earley said he would like to establish some sort of scholarship or another way of remembering her at the University.

He is currently trying to make this happen through Sodexo Dining Services and the Athletic Department at UVM.

## Chess joins SGA club ranks

**Newest club pledges to spread the game of chess across campus and to the greater Burlington area**

By MIKE HAULENBEEK

Senior Staff Writer

At last Tuesday's general assembly, the Student Government Association voted to acknowledge UVM's Chess Club as one of about 140 officially recognized student-run organizations on campus.

"Chess stresses critical thinking, and will further enrich the academic environment," Benjamin Kerran, chess club President, said to SGA before they approved vote.

Kerran said the club will offer lessons and promote the game in the greater Burlington community.

"To see that clubs not only want to find an outlet for their interests, but want to pass that interest on to their community, is truly inspirational," said SGA Senator Liz Bearese, chair of the Student Activities Committee and author of the bill recognizing the Chess Club.

"The Student Activities Committee appreciates club leaders who exude passion in what they and other student body members are seeking to be involved in, on and off campus," Bearese said.

"[SGA's recognition] indicates that the student leadership believes that a chess club is important to the University community," Dr. Robert Snapp, the club's faculty advisor, said.

Kerran said the club will try to promote the game among students on campus. He said they plan to make banners and t-shirts to encourage membership.

Kerran also said the club will hold a human chess game, where two raffle winners control a giant chessboard filled with club members dressed as game pieces.

The club welcomes players with all levels of skill and experience, including rank beginners who are still learning

the rules of the game, Snapp said. The club's recognition by SGA, he said, will enable competitive players to represent UVM at officially sanctioned matches.

"[Chess] is fun, social and often beautiful as interesting patterns emerge through the course of the game," Snapp said. "The classic game has been played since the Middle Ages, and is now enjoyed around the world."

According to the U.S. Chess Federation, affiliated chess clubs exist in nearly every state, including two in Vermont. The University of Maryland offers several four-year scholarships, one with full tuition, room and board to chess players.

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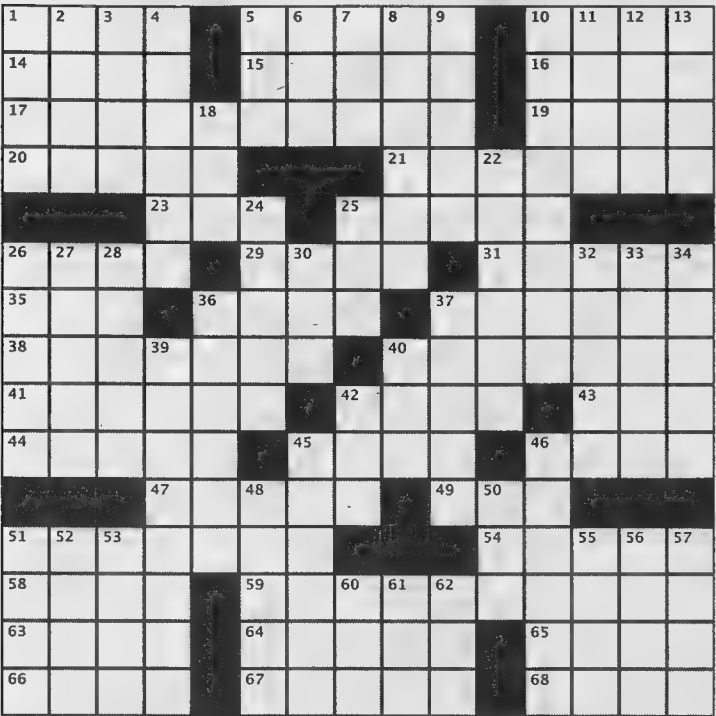
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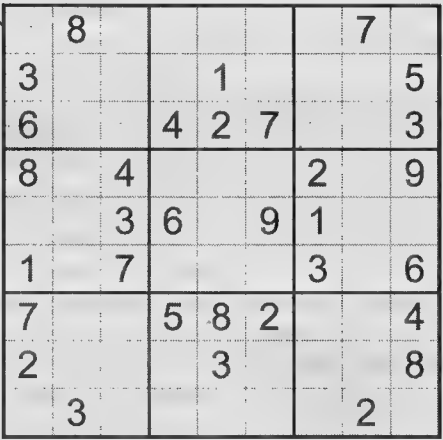
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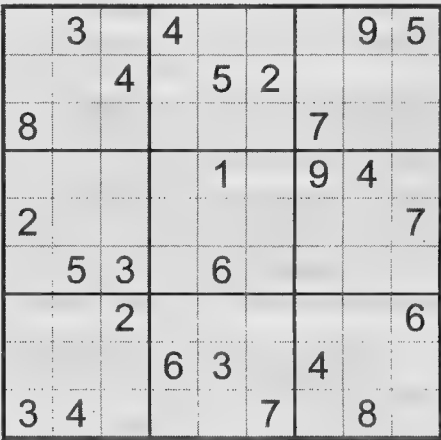


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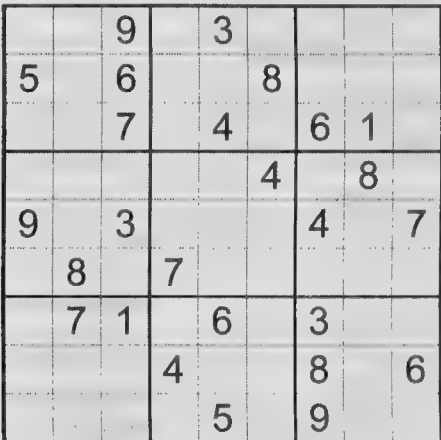
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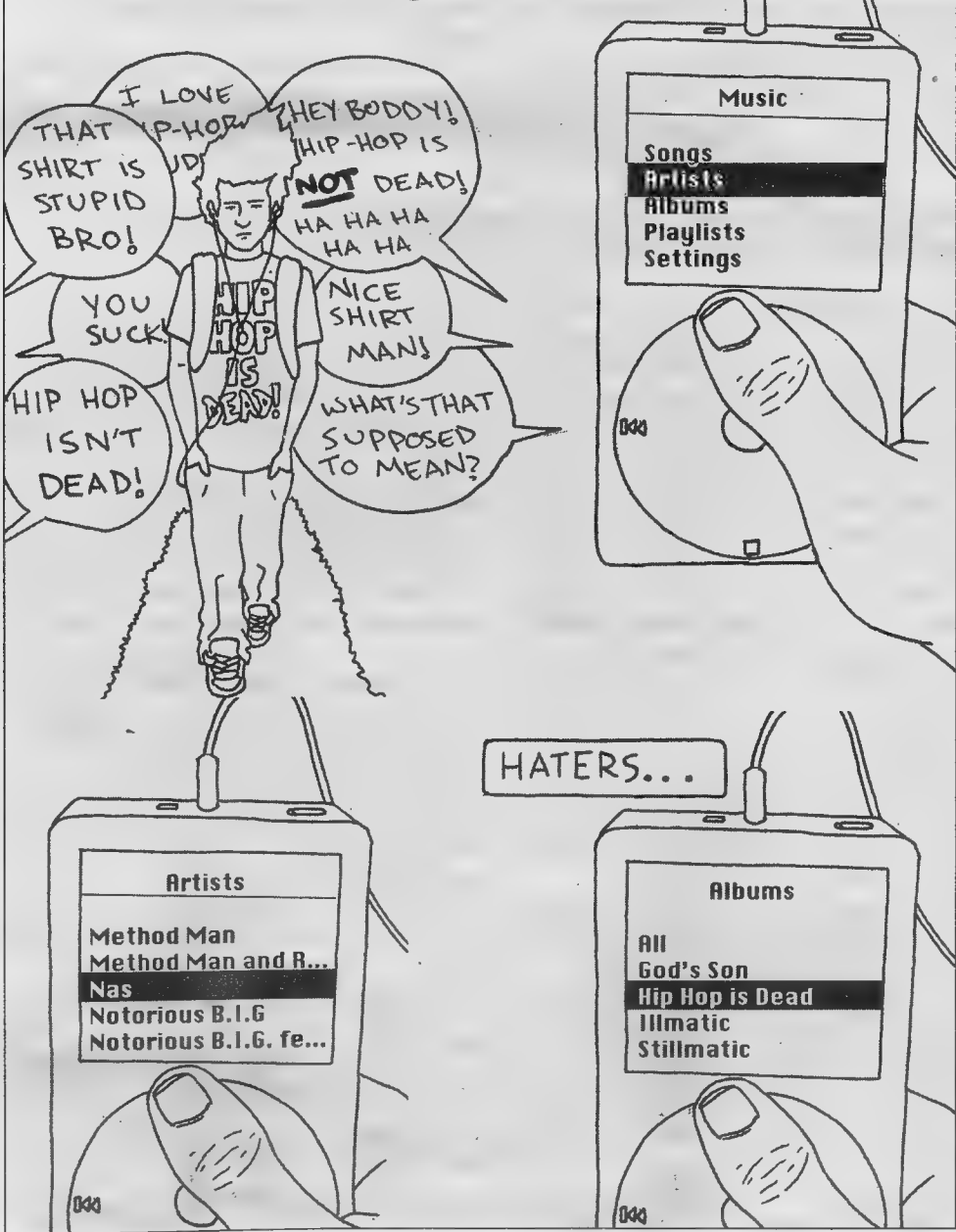
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It's time for you to stand up for yourself and stop letting people walk all over you. Your recent success should give you the confidence to pursue things your way. Don't let others influence your recent decision, stick with your gut.

Love: Has your other half been dropping some hints about meeting their family? Don't sweat it too much — they're going to love you. Suck it up, put on your Sunday best and remember to use your very best manners.

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Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Stop envying your old flame's new prospect. Harboring jealousy is counterproductive. Focus your energy on finding someone new.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

You've had the urge to roadtrip and visit all your friends on the eastern seaboard, but don't let your tendency to want to escape cause you to forget your responsibilities in B-town.

Capricorn

(December 22 - January 19)

Juggling classes, clubs, friends and a mild addiction to Blackberry Wheat is going to catch up with you. Next time you have a moment to breathe, relax, instead of jumping into the next task.

Aquarius

(January 20 - February 18)

Your friends have been wondering why you're spending so much time at the library — they know you're not studying. Stop being so secretive and tell them about your Bailey/Howe hottie.

Pisces

(February 19 - March 20)

While you've been helping your friend deal with all their family issues, you have been neglecting your own. Give your 'rents an unexpected call this weekend; you will be pleased with the results.

Aries

(March 21 - April 19)

Don't hate the player, hate the game. Stop setting yourself up to get disappointed. Step back and make your own terms.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 20)

Doing things your own way is an admirable quality, but respect your roommates' proximity. Whether it be playing the new Kanye at deafening levels or your penchant for loud sex, think about how your habit affects others.

Gemini

(May 21 - June 21)

Masquerading others' words as your own is not how you write a persuasive essay. It's called plagiarism and it's illegal. Think hard about what you really believe before you put the pen to the paper.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 21)

Stop using alcohol to lubricate awkward situations. Put yourself out there emotionally (and sober) and you'll be pleased with the results.

Leo

(July 23 - August 22)

Slipping Visine into that professor's coffee won't effect your crappy grade on the last week's paper. Stop being stubborn and try talking to your prof about why you think you should have done better.

Virgo

(August 23 - September 22)

Don't prolong a hookup just for the sake of having someone there. If the connection is gone don't force it; opt for some alone time.



## THE DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Mandela is dead.  
I pause! Because  
I pause! Saddam  
Hussein killed all the  
Mandelas."**

**-George W. Bush,  
President of The United  
States of America**



## To congress: STOP IT!

We find ourselves in a position of anger, frustration, and disgust with The United States' Senate.

On Sept. 19, a measure to extend the amount of leave-time enjoyed by troops folded under threat of Republican filibuster.

On the same day, another measure was rejected, once again under republican threat, which would have restored the right of habeas corpus, the right to a trial, to suspected terrorists.

These measures were not defeated by a simple majority, a super majority or a unanimous vote.

They were defeated, surprisingly, by a minority of the senate: most members were in favor of passing these laws.

Why, then, this seemingly illogical result? A threatened, but never utilized, republican filibuster.

Having failed, by four votes, to acquire the necessary 60 votes to invoke a procedure which would have prevented the filibuster, the democrats withdrew.

The measure died and the threatened filibuster never had to happen.

But a successful filibuster should not be an easy thing to accomplish. It requires

a member to hold the floor of the senate while continually speaking to prevent the senate from moving to vote.

It used to be that this was a draining and difficult procedure, requiring members to battle exhaustion and hunger to hold the floor for hours upon hours. Strom Thurmond famously did this for a full 24 hours in 1957 to prevent the passage of key civil rights legislation.

But on zsept. 19, despite the considerable gravity of the issue, no republican had to do this. The democrats backed down. The simple threat of filibuster was enough to overcome the collective resolve of more than 51 men and women.

Yet the next day yielded the condemnation of a liberal group, MoveOn.org, for criticizing Gen. David Patreus in an advertisement. Twenty-three Democrats helped.

What is happening here? Democrats are in control of both houses, yet, by all appearances, the conservative agenda continues to win out.

To those who are running our country we ask the following: Why did we elect you?

You were not put in office to continue

business as usual. You were not elected so that you could condemn the media. You were not chosen because Americans are happy with the way things are going.

Most importantly, you were not elected so that you could serve your own self-interest. Yet these are continually the actions which you choose

You do this every time you decide that your own power and reputation is more important than doing what you know is right.

You do this when you refuse to stand up for your beliefs.

You do this every time you see your colleagues abusing and distorting the sacred and revered system conceived by our founders and fail to publicly condemn them for it.

Democrats, you have failed, utterly and dismally, to perform your duties. You have not utilized the arsenal of tools at your disposal to shape our nation, and you have yielded power back to conservative forces.

Is it not apparent that our nation is suffering for these actions?

Please stop.

## An appeal to decency

On Sept. 12 Central Connecticut State University's student paper, *The Recorder*, published a cartoon which sparked student protests and a nationwide discourse on freedom of speech and decency in print journalism.

"Polydongs," the four-panel cartoon in question, which centers around kidnapers of a 14-year-old Hispanic girl tied up in their back room, recently urinated upon, sparked many CCSU professors and students to call for the resignation of the paper's editor, Mark Rowan.

Rowan released a public statement whereby he likened the humor of "Polydongs" to the shock humor of "Family Guy" and "South Park." This is an interesting rationalization and we must reflect on its implications.

The post-ironic humor of "Polydongs" does not mean anything. (At least, one can only hope that it means nothing!) Such humor is funny only insofar as it shocks the reader with its overt ignorance; it does not make any statement larger than its own self-righteous offensiveness.

To place this cartoon in the same school as "South Park," which has a clearly defined libertarian political message seems, to us, absurd. But Mr. Rowan might have been onto something with his "Family Guy" comparison.

"Family Guy" is at the apex of post-

irony. Episodes have next to no plot and are comprised solely of non-sequiturs uttered by despicable characters. It is a cold show with no higher meaning than to gross out the Baby Boomers and appeal to the lowest sensibilities of jaded young people.

Where the humor of shows like "Family Guy" fails are its writers' inability to create characters with any emotional resonance. In "The Simpson's" heyday Homer, despite his unbridled stupidity, always managed to right his wrongs — to make the joke that saves his relationship with Lisa.

Viewers of "Family Guy" are not awarded such humane relief. Its humor means absolutely nothing yet manages to alienate people with its perpetuation of racial stereotypes and first-thought, poorly imagined jokes.

"Polydongs" humor is of this same school of indifference — stereotypes for the sake of stereotypes, pedophilia for the sake of pedophilia, all under the guise of "satire." But we should never forget that the great satirists had a message and method to their madness — "A Modest Proposal" was not a modest proposal — and they changed the world with their words.

The idea that "Polydongs" was created makes us wonder, "What do we ac-

tually care about?" We feel confident in acknowledging, despite our internalization of cultural relativism, that there are damn near enough truths out there to affirm a difference between right and wrong.

We must assert through words — an admittedly limited and imperfect means of communication — that something must mean something. In the morally ambiguous postmodern age, there must be truths to save us from our own nihilistic tendencies.

The cartoons in question are an embracement of this nihilism, and should subsequently be disregarded, considered only when deciding what not to do.

This is more than idealized ramblings of an over/undereducated art critic. This is a call for decency in print journalism and the larger popular art.

The editors and creators of the piece in question had a responsibility to their readers.

They are not crusaders, despite their own faulty rationalization, voicing the avant-garde — the humor of generation Y, the humor of our generation.

Rather they are post-ironists whose poor judgments have negated any message of importance their publication could hope to espouse.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## What do college costs, global warming, and the war in Iraq have in common?

I have visited probably every college campus in the state, something I enjoy doing very much.

What excites me about being on campuses and talking with students is that many of you are deeply concerned about the major issues of our time and are searching for ways to make this world a better place.

I applaud you for that.

Talk and good ideas are, unfortunately, not by themselves enough. If you want to see changes, you have to get involved in the political process — no matter what your views may be.

For better or worse, governmental decisions or non-decisions impact upon virtually every aspect of our lives.

Whether it's global warming, the quality of the air we breathe and the food we eat, the war in Iraq, whether there will be decent paying and challenging jobs available for the next generation or whether health care is accessible for all, these are just some of the issues that are dealt with in Washington and state capitals.

The most urgent issue of the moment is the war in Iraq. President Bush misled us into this war, and he continues to

mislead us.

Bush's view of a war that could go on for another five or 10 years is unacceptable. We have lost 3,700 troops in Iraq, another 27,000 have been wounded and we have spent over \$500 billion. We need a new direction in Iraq and a new approach in the fight against international terrorism.

In the longer term, global warming is one of the great crises facing the world. If we do not get our act together and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, living conditions on the planet we will be leaving to our kids and grandchildren will be far worse than they are today.

That is why I introduced S. 309, the Global Warming Pollution Reduction Act, which is the most comprehensive global warming bill introduced in Congress. This legislation is supported by virtually every major environmental organization and has 18 co-sponsors in the Senate, including every Democratic senator running for president.

Another very important issue in Congress has been the soaring cost of higher education.

The very good news for young Americans and their

families is that we recently passed the most significant overhaul in decades in higher education funding. The Higher Education Act will expand Pell grants, lower the interest rates for college loans and develop a major new debt-forgiveness program.

All of this means that college and graduate school will become much more affordable for middle-income families. And that is very good news.

The Pell grant program is the largest source of government financial aid for low and moderate income college students. Under this new legislation, Pell grants will increase from \$4,300 to \$4,800 next year and to \$5,400 by 2012. That represents an increase in federal funding of \$11.4 billion, more than \$34 million of which will go to Vermont students.

There also will be a significant reduction on interest rates on subsidized Stafford loans.

The interest rates will be reduced from the current 6.8 percent to 6 percent on loans made next year, and dropping all the way to 3.4 percent in 2011, a 50 percent reduction.

An additional \$6.2 billion dollars will be going toward

reducing these interest rates, of which almost \$27 million dollars will go to Vermont students.

And there is more good news. One of my major initiatives, as a member of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee which wrote this legislation, was to provide loan forgiveness to students who enter public service.

That initiative has met with great success, providing full loan forgiveness after 10 years of public service.

The legislation stipulates that any student borrower who has a federal direct loan, or who upon graduation consolidates his or her loans into a federal direct loan, and then enters public service, will have the remainder of the loan and interest forgiven after 10 years of public service.

Teachers, social workers, police officers and firefighters, government employees, lawyers in legal aid and public defenders' offices all qualify, as well as doctors, dentists, nurses, child care workers and employees of non-profit organizations.

This bill passed and President Bush withdrew a veto threat because college

students and their parents got involved. Faculty and college administrators also spoke out. Your voices were heard, and the system worked.

There are many ways to be involved in the political and governmental process.

You can start by contacting elected officials and telling us what you want to see done. But that is just a start. You need to vote and, in a wide variety of ways, be prepared to make your views known.

And you have to organize, to get other people involved, because there is always strength in unity and numbers, and in a democracy, numbers count. Our democracy is only as strong as the people make it.

In other words, we "use it or lose it."

This is your country. Do your best to improve it. Exercise your democratic rights. And please do not hesitate to let me know what you think — just call our toll-free number (800) 339-9834 or visit my Web site at <http://sanders.senate.gov>.

Sincerely,  
Senator Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

## Dorm insecurity

In the Sept. 18 article, "SGA discovers lax dorm security," Sgt. Dan Finnegan was quoted as saying, "As long as the students, faculty and staff are disciplined to not let people in, this program will work."

In theory, an admirable idea. If you don't recognize someone as being from your dorm, don't hold the door. Ask them to swipe themselves in.

Apart from my three roommates, and a few other faces, however, I personally don't recognize anybody from my complex.

And how can anyone in good conscience turn to the panting, stressed-looking girl behind them and say, "Sorry, you're gonna need to swipe yourself in."

As a friend recently put it, "How much of a bitch would you be?"

Maybe that's not the situation Sgt. Finnegan is referring to. Perhaps he means the so-called "tailgater," the sketchy guy hanging out around the door, waiting for some unsuspecting innocent to swipe him into the building so he can steal people's stuff and wreak some havoc.

Okay then. Define "sketchy." At what point do I draw the line between

hassled class-goer and dangerous invader?

When does it become OK to hold the door for someone, even if I don't know exactly who they are? I'd say I know maybe ten of the hundred or so faces residing in Christie Hall.

Should I only ever hold the door for those 10 people, and allow for the possibility that I'm screwing over the other 90?

I'm not the kind of person who can pick a fight over dormitory access.

While I recognize that there isn't a much better way of guarding against intruders, if ResLife is going to call this an effective security measure, I would ask that they keep the responsibility on people with authority, the ones who get paid to make confrontations.

It's really unreasonable to expect that many students are going to undergo the whole, "Do you live here? Who are you visiting?" process, and it seems like many of the higher-ups are simply deluding themselves when it comes to this aspect of campus security.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Arruda  
Class of 2011

## The double-edged blade of intolerance

Tolerance is a word that's been thrown around a lot lately.

Four months ago, if you asked me, "Is UVM a tolerant community?" I'd reflect and say I believe it is.

If you'd asked me the same question two weeks ago, my response would have been the same.

However, during the last two weeks I have seen that tolerance is something less common than I had thought.

I am one of a dying breed in American society; a practicing Roman Catholic.

I am not responsible for the Crusades. Nor was I present for the Inquisition, or Catholicism's convert or die period.

These things were all atrocities committed a long time ago and yet whenever my religion comes into conversation, people seem to remember them, and they seem to somehow be my fault.

Throughout the first two weeks of school at the University of Vermont, I have had at least four conversations where I was made the villain, but I attributed these things to individual views, and didn't think much of them.

Then on Tuesday I saw a man standing before a crowd in front of the library professing his beliefs which happened to be Christian, although I am not sure what denomination.

He was clearly trying to convert a few among the crowd, and this is what I saw:

The man standing before them was ridiculed for his beliefs after every statement, and generally heckled.

In the beginning, he started a dialogue with a student as a means of addressing the group at large. He asks the student, "Do you lie?" and the student replied that he does.

He says, "Therefore you are a ...?" The logical end to this statement that almost any college student could come up with (I hope) is "liar."

However, the student chose to at-

tack the man by responding, "Well I wouldn't label and condemn you," although the man had done neither.

Their dialogue continued in this fashion until a female student walked up and yelled out, "What kind of merciful God would allow people to go to hell?" before walking away. A third student walked through the back yelling, "Take it back to the church this is a school! Take it back to the church weirdo this is a school!"

Throughout all of his (for lack of a better word) sermon, the man did not attack, condemn or attempt to scare one of the students, and yet was treated as though he were their enemy and didn't deserve human respect because he had different religious views.

Step back for a second and ask yourself, why would this man try to convert us?

Does God give him a cookie? I doubt it. Instead, try to share his point of view.

In his mind, those who don't believe in and follow the teachings of Christ are doomed to an eternity of hellfire. He came and put himself through public abuse in order to, in his mind, protect complete strangers.

He did something very noble, in coming to try and preach his beliefs, and received nothing but abuse for it.

What sort of enlightened school is this when a group of people gathers only to heckle a man of differing beliefs?

If you refuse to listen to somebody else's ideas, then move on quietly and leave them be.

If you have a different point of view and can't hold your tongue, present your idea politely.

Don't be a member of a jeering mob.

Sincerely,  
James Dailey, Jr.  
Class of 2011

Why are we filling this space with a boring "house-ad?"

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JULIA MICHEL

## Sober policies

The current drinking age is 21 and on-campus residence halls are dry, but — wink wink — it's college so look the other way while I shotgun a few Natty Lights because it's not hurting anyone. Right?

Wrong. Dry residence halls, withering town-grown relations, increased binge drinking, rising numbers of sexual assault and the legal drinking age of 21 are not unrelated issues — topics that warrant both student and administrator attention.

The current drinking age and American cultural values surrounding drinking have romanticized alcohol and turned it into an easily accessible, easily abused forbidden fruit. Instead of incorporating alcohol into a larger activity, consuming alcohol is the activity of the night.

Rather, if we could bring students and their beer out of the seclusion of their dorm rooms and into public settings, they would learn how to responsibly and socially drink without creating artwork on the bathroom floor the next morning.

This same line of logic should prompt the UVM community to rethink its stance on drinking.

Problems with drinking on campus rarely arise from social drinking. It's the few percent of out-of-control, too-wasted-to-stand-up, get-into-fistfights-with-a-wall of drunken kids that attract police attention, and guaranteed some of them would still exist if the drinking age were lowered. But these people exist in all age groups, not just between 18 and 21.

A few points regarding the drinking age debate cannot be impressed enough.

One is that students will always find a way to drink — that said, administration and police services should focus their energy on facilitating safe drinking.

Second is that simply increasing enforcement forces doesn't work either. Out of the large percentage of students who do imbibe alcohol under age, relatively few of them ever get caught. In short, increasing the number of cops out on the roads might work to get citation numbers up, but it doesn't address the underlying cul-

ture and allure of drinking.

Third is that the law setting the legal drinking age to 21 doesn't reflect social norms — if popular support sanctioned the current law, the masses would also uphold it.

But instead of turning this article into a laundry list of what's wrong, I'd like to call students to action. Yes, the drinking age is a national issue and has to be handled in Washington. But short of marching on Washington or gathering national support to change federal law, the UVM community can and needs to address the problem on a more local level.

The dry residence hall policy has now been in effect for a year. It's time to create an exploratory committee, which could be as simple as mish mosh of both off and on-campus students, administrators, police and victims' rights groups meeting informally, to really analyze drinking at UVM.

Dry residence halls have contributed to what I'd like to dub the "pregame effect." Unsure of the availability of alcohol for later in the evening, on-campus (and mostly underage) students quickly down copious amounts of alcohol a few minutes before leaving their dorms to head downtown. Students race to raise their BACs to keep the buzz going all night: the definition of binge drinking.

Yet maybe overall, policies such as dry residence dorms have lowered alcohol-fueled violence and sexual assault. We simply need numbers and analysis — both to be provided by the exploratory committee mentioned above.

I realize how it looks to publicly "soften" UVM's drinking policy, especially considering our reputation as a party school and proud ranking on the Reefer Madness list. But let's choose safety instead of feigned ignorance, understanding instead of intolerance and a new path instead of a failing status quo.

Since the drinking age is still 21, campus residence halls are still dry and for lack of creative problem solving, irresponsible drinking continues, I'll be seeing you all on Isham street tonight.

JEREMY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

## The monster on the hill

UVM, I'm angry with you; how much more of my money are you going to waste?

Construction on the Davis Center began when I was in my freshman year. We were promised great and new things, the Davis Center was to be the "new face" of UVM.

But two years, over \$200 million and several thousand dollars in increased tuition later I can't help but feel like I've been had. What do I now have that I didn't have before the Davis Center?

I have a Ben and Jerry's and a New World Tortilla on campus, I have a new route to class, and I have a LOT more freshmen to dodge.

But nothing has been done to increase the quality of my teachers, or to decrease the size of their classes.

I have lost excellent pro-

fessors to other schools and seen no improvement in the facilities in which they used to teach.

I have seen hundreds of millions of students' dollars squandered in the name of making this school "more competitive," yet I do not get a sense that it is. I do not feel that, when all is said and done, UVM will be looked upon more favorably in the eyes of our fellow students and scholars across the country.

Why couldn't this money have been spent on more purely educational pursuits?

That \$200 million could have hired countless professors, helped pay for books and tuition, or purchased equipment for scientific research. Yet it has been spent, instead, to construct what many think of as a monstrosity.

I want to have pride in this University. I want to look back at my time here at UVM and feel that my school has dedicated all of its resources to educating and enriching myself and my fellow students. Yet, I fear, this won't be the case.

Instead I will look back at my time here with something of a bittersweet tinge. I have met and made friends with many wonderful and intelligent people here. And, true, I have learned many great things from many great professors, but I can't help but feel like these are the things that UVM just doesn't care about anymore.

That monstrosity looming over main street is not concerned with nurturing the students that are already here, but with gobbling up as many more as possible.

JAMES WEIR

## Elbow room

I was buckling my belt and beginning to review the emergency exit procedure when I heard the drums.

Summer was over, or nearing it at least, and the school year was preparing to lift off. August passed in a flash, July with a boom and June with a distant pffft. The wheels were rolling, rotors spinning and it was all moving faster and faster. And the drums were getting louder. School was starting tomorrow.

I ignored the drums, at first refusing my impulse to go outside, but curiosity got the best of me as the noise grew and showed no sign of stopping.

There were thousands of students, a mass of yellow and green, tie-dye and hemp necklaces, knit pants and thong sandals, slowly wandering down Main street.

They were following trucks littered with performers, the large drums vomiting noise onto the surrounding buildings. The sound echoed off the Davis Center, splashing the walls and littering the street. The chatter of the new freshman class was deafening as they made their way past their new student center.

Summer here was peaceful. I found Burlington, forgot

UVM and finally became a part of the place I have called home for over two years.

Campus became distant, forgotten, something present but unseen. I even forgot what the Marche chicken fingers tasted like (thank God).

Trekking up the hill for the first week of classes, I thought about the coming semester and what lies ahead of me.

I thought about how I would settle in, which classes I would anxiously await, which ones I would dread. I wondered who I would know, who I would meet and who I would sit near and if there would be space for my elbows.

I must admit, I'm a bit quirky about where I find my home in a class. I'm a big fan of windows, women and wide spaces, and I despise stale air, foul smelling students and the back row.

But above all, being cramped makes me anxious. I need space for my bag, my legs, my coffee, my coat, my elbows, my Nalgene, my book and my comfort. Like on a plane, having an intrusive neighbor can ruin my tenure in the air, and leave me bitter and resentful.

Earlier this summer on a flight from Shanghai, my spir- its rose as we neared departure

and I had no neighbor on my left and an isle on the right.

I closed my eyes and, silently hoped that I was to be so blessed.

It wasn't so, and I soon found myself swiveling in my seatbelt, wrenching my underwear into a chastity belt of pain and suffering, allowing the man room to pass.

I spent the next twelve and a half hours shifting my body to accommodate the man's sprawling attempts to find comfort, while clenching my teeth and muttering scathing remarks in my head.

I feel today much like I did on that plane, worried that I will have an increasingly difficult time finding my space here at UVM.

The Davis Center, and the expansion of UVM that it represents, worries me tremendously. Will our University lose the smallness that is so important to it's success, and to me?

UVM has always been the perfect size — small enough to find the people I want to, and large enough to lose the others.

My classes have always been intimate, engaging and thoroughly enjoyable. There have been times I find myself perched atop my bag, legs pressed against the coarse fabric, elbows jabbing the familiar stranger next to me, and there have been times I find myself alone in a sea of desks, one for me, one for my coffee, one for my coat and one for my backpack.

Sometimes I find myself separated from the sea of people, seeking for the familiar faces I have come to cherish.

Sometimes I'm crowded, irritable and annoyed, longing for the solitude I seem to stumble upon when I'm not looking.

I've spent hours, days, weeks and years absorbing what this University has to offer, in class and in my life outside of academics. So far, I have found the room that I seek, that I crave. I find myself fearing change, but in the end all I can do is hope that when the drums have passed, there will still be room for my elbows.

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# Breaking the curse of Wily Mo

A late-season revelation reaffirms 2007 for Boston sports fans

By JOSH APPELBAUM  
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My Boston sports universe was spiraling out of control.

I'm calling it the Curse of Wily Mo.

Paying painful witness to a crippling September collapse, nightmarishly similar to the meltdown of 1978, my once firm confidence in the indestructible Red Sox of 2007 ran flat like an Okey-Dokey change-up on a humid summer night at Fenway.

Grasping for refuge within the eternally dignified fandom of Patriot Nation, my stomach turned as the hooded grandmaster of New England football was proven to be an arrogant, victory-obsessed cheater.

Everyone I turned to for reassurance lacked any insight or explanation.

In the Skydome, Tito Francona packed another massive lip and watched hopelessly as the Sox were swept away without a fight by the Jays.

At Gillete, Robert Kraft



kept to his Milano cookies and failed to address "Video-gate" or defend the organization.

With the Bronx Bombers closing in, Youk and Manny were collecting dust on the shelf.

Patriot pillars of defense Rodney Harrison and Richard Seymour were in street clothes due to suspension and injury.

Papelbon lost it, Gagne never had it, and Okajima couldn't find it.

A reborn Pedro Martinez was 2-0 with a 1.69 ERA since returning to the Mets and I was beginning to lose faith.

Then my existential awakening came.

Somewhere between "Extra Innings" and "Extra Innings Extra" I drifted off into a state of athletic unconsciousness.

Suddenly, a stunning Tina Cervasio appeared next to me atop the Monster seats.

It was like the perfect "Sox Appeal" episode, except better, because the 95-year-old stadium was completely empty.

Smiling confidently, she nursed my fractured spirit back to health with dramatic prophecies of a healthy Manny, rested Dice-K and

vindicated Belichick.

Inspiring epic images of Paul Pierce no-look passes, Jesus Shuttlesworth buzzer-beating jumpers and KG earth-rattling dunks, the dazzling NESN reporter soothed my Boston sports suffering.

As we turned to the jumbo-tron, a new highlight tape preceded the fictitious "Sports Desk" that aired in my dream.

Endless Tom Brady to Randy Moss touchdown connections and Laurence "Phoney" Maroney stiffarms littered the screen.

Tommy Heinsohn and Mike Gorman were there, celebrating in harmonious uproar and dishing Tommy Points to the "Redhead in Needham" and Rajon Rondo and Scal for taking charges.

The Rem-Dawg was elected president of the Nation.

Patrice Bergeron told a sparkling Hazel Mae that the Big Bad Bruins were back.

BC Eagles star QB Matt Ryan was even hoisting the Heisman.

"You haven't forgotten what year it is, right, Josh?" Tina asked lovingly as the tape concluded.

"2007?" I instinctively responded with eyes as wide as Reche Caldwell's.

Shaking her head, Tina handed me a sparkling, #46 Jacoby Ellsbury jersey and whispered into my ear, "This is the year to be here."

When I awoke, my yearning to fire up the "Faith Rewarded" DVD had subsided.

Scanning *The Boston Globe* sports page online, I rejoiced over headlines of "Sox clinch playoff spot", "Kapler to try comeback" and "NFL investigation reveals no further improprieties by Pats."

I learned that Youk's MRI was negative, Coco was back and Manny vowed to return for the final regular season series against the Twins.

I celebrated Tom Brady's league best 134.2 QB rating and Josh Beckett becoming the first 20-game winner in the bigs since 2005.

Humiliating yet another opponent, my beloved Pats continued to silence the critics, moving to 3-0 after demolishing the Bills 38-7.

Awaiting Soxtober with refreshed optimism, I threw on my new Wes Welker jersey and began counting down the days until the return of the Celtics and gleefully repeated the phrase that realigned my Boston sports universe...

"This is the year to be here."

## Last Week

Wednesday, September 19

Women's Soccer @ Siena  
— Loss

Vermont: 1-0-1  
Siena 0-2-2

Friday, September 21

Field Hockey @ Temple  
— OT Loss

Vermont: 1-0-0-1  
Temple: 0-1-1-2

Women's Soccer @ Colgate  
— Loss

Vermont: 0-1-1  
Colgate: 1-2-3

Sunday, September 23

Field Hockey @ Rutgers  
— 2 OT Win

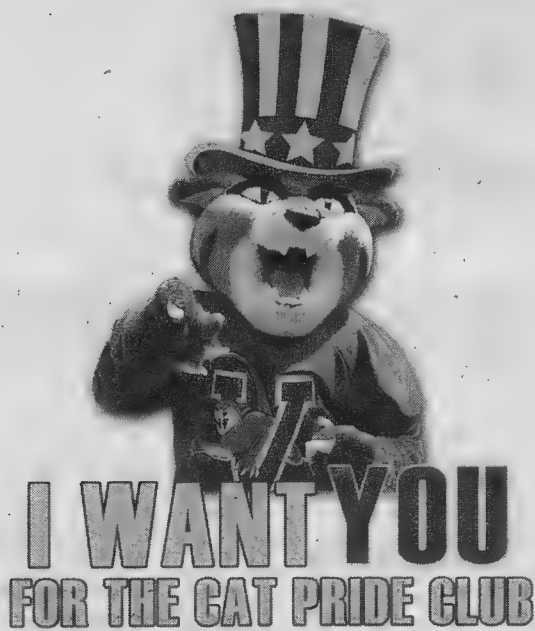
Vermont: 0-2-0-1-3  
Rutgers: 2-0-0-0-2

Men's Soccer @ Cornell  
— Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0  
Cornell: 0-1-1

Women's Soccer @ Colgate  
— Loss

Vermont: 0-1-1  
Colgate: 1-2-3



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## Conference Standings

### America East Field Hockey

1. Vermont, AE - (1-0) Overall - (7-4)
2. BU, AE - (0-0) Overall - (8-2)
3. Albany, AE - (0-0) Overall (7-3)
4. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0) Overall - (6-4)
5. Maine, AE - (0-0) Overall - (4-5)
6. Fairfield, AE - (0-1) Overall (1-8)

### America East Men's Soccer

1. Binghamton, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (6-2-0)
2. Hartford, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (4-1-1)
3. BU, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (4-3-0)
4. Stony Brook, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (4-3-0)
5. UMBC, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-2-2)
6. Vermont, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-5-0)
7. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-3-3)
8. Maine, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-6-0)
9. Albany, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-6-1)

### America East Women's Soccer

1. Stony Brook, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-2-2)
2. New Hampshire, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (4-3-1)
3. Albany, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-3-2)
4. BU, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-4-1)
5. Hartford, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-3-2)
6. Maine, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-3-2)
7. UMBC, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-6-2)
8. Vermont, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-7-1)
9. Binghamton, AE - (0-0-0) Overall - (0-6-2)



## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

A column by The Vermont Cynic Sports Staff

Good Week for BC Eagles  
By JOSH APPELBAUM

#14 Boston College ripped visiting Army 37-17 to run their undefeated record to 4-0.

Passing for a gaudy 356 yards and recording four touchdowns, Heisman hopeful QB Matt Ryan now ranks third on the program's all-time list with 6,147 career passing yards.

He trails only Glenn Foley and the legendary Doug Flutie.

Good Week for South Florida  
By NICK DECARO

Coming off a 26-23 upset of #17 Auburn on the road, the Bulls are ranked, at #23, for the first time in school history.

After beating up UNC Saturday, they head into a highly anticipated showdown with #5 West Virginia.

South Florida is no stranger to the Mountaineers, pulling off a 24-19 upset in Morgantown last season over, then seventh ranked, WVU.

The Bulls could do it again this season and even win the Big East to get a BCS berth.

Bad Week for Portland  
By KAT WILLIAMS

The Portland Trailblazers who found out that Greg Oden would be out for the entire first season of his NBA career.

Oden underwent microfracture surgery on his right knee last Wednesday and will be out for more than a year for rehabilitation.

Good Week for Kevin Everett  
By IBI TARIQ

Buffalo Bills' TE Kevin Everett is starting rehab in Houston and may be standing on his own in the next few days.

Just two weeks after doctors said he might never walk again, they are expecting him to be walking within weeks.

If not sooner.

Good Week for Castoff NFL Vets  
By ZACH PARKER

Hoping for a career revival, the Cowboys signed former Chicago Bear, Tank Johnson, to a two-year deal, despite his looming eight-game suspension due to legal troubles.

The Falcons also signed former Jaguars bust Byron Leftwich to a two-year deal, hoping he can back up the shaky Joey Harrington and provide some stability as a quarterback.

Bad Week for Donovan McNabb  
By JAKE AHRENS

After falling 0-2 for the season and losing six out of his last seven games, McNabb was booted off his home field after a loss to division rivals, the Washington Redskins.

Fans will call for rookie back-up Kevin Kolb if McNabb cannot turn it around against the Detroit Lions this week.

# View from the Sidelines

A commentary on the National Football League brought to you by Dakota Rubin

## NFL Predictions – Week Four

### The Game of the Week

**New England at Cincinnati** – The Patriots are riding high this season on the back of their fantastic offensive play.

Possibly the only team in the league that can keep up with them is the Cincinnati Bengals.

Yet, Cincy has no defense and that will lead to their downfall.

New England 35, Cincinnati 30

### The Best of the Rest

**Baltimore at Cleveland** – Going back to the city you left in the dust is always hard. That is especially true for the Ravens who will be facing a team that has been hot on offense all season and will be looking to give their fans some redemption.

Cleveland 27, Baltimore 24

**St. Louis at Dallas** – Let the shootout begin. These teams have no defense and it might come down to who gets the ball last. The Cowboys have the intangibles.

Dallas 33, St. Louis 30

**Chicago at Detroit** – The Lions have been impressive this season. Things will get much more difficult when they run into the toughest defense in the NFL and divisional king.

Chicago 17, Detroit 10

**Oakland at Miami** – The Raiders are

starting to play much better than most people expected. This is a very winnable game for them and a real chance for the young players to prove themselves.

Oakland 17, Miami 13

**Green Bay at Minnesota** – The Packers are determined to help Brett Favre make the playoffs in his last year. Even a trip to the Metrodome can't derail their quest.

Green Bay 23, Minnesota 17

**Tampa Bay at Carolina** – The Bucs face by far their hardest test of the season in the divisional rival Panthers. Carolina is a veteran team with lots of experience that will be too much for Tampa to overcome.

Carolina 20, Tampa Bay 17

**Kansas City at San Diego** – This will be a matchup of two teams that rely on running games that just haven't gotten off the ground this season. The Chargers also have a fantastic defense and that will separate them in this AFC West clash.

San Diego 17, Kansas City 10

**Denver at Indianapolis** – While Denver QB Jay Cutler has shown glimpses of greatness he and the Broncos are no match for Peyton Manning and the Colts, especially in Indy.

Indianapolis 30, Denver 20

**Philadelphia at NY Giants** – These two teams have a lot of work to do. They have some of the toughest fans in football and neither group is happy right now. If the Giants can get healthy they have the slight edge in this contest.

New York 20, Philadelphia 16

### For the Record

**Houston at Atlanta** – These two teams are going in opposite directions. The Texans will keep on rolling towards a possible playoff berth.

Houston 24, Atlanta 13

**NY Jets at Buffalo** – Both these teams are looking a long way up at the division leading Pats. The Jets have more pieces in place for this game but neither is anywhere close to a playoff berth.

New York 20, Buffalo 14

**Pittsburgh at Arizona** – The Steelers are out for vengeance this season and the young, up and coming Cardinals are crossing their path at the wrong time.

Pittsburgh 28, Arizona 16

**Seattle at San Francisco** – The Seahawks are just a tier above their foes from the south. The 49ers still are about a year away.

Seattle 27, San Francisco 17

## Face Off THE MATCHUP IBI TARIQ vs. NICK DECARO

1. OJ Simpson is back in the courtroom, this time for alleged armed robbery. What gives?

**IT:** Truthfully, I couldn't care less about OJ.

There is an NFL season that's already topsy-turvy, pennant races tighter than Kanye's new album and the focus is on a man who has been out of professional sports for over 20 years?

As far as this new OJ drama goes, hey, karma sucks buddy.

You'd think that after dodging a bullet vis-à-vis Johnnie Cochran that OJ would know not to do anything too stupid.

Guess not.

The tape recording of the alleged robbery does sound convincing, so maybe the justice system can come through this time.

**ND:** OJ couldn't stay out of the lime-light, it's just not in him.

He couldn't live with the fact that he pulled off one of the biggest cons of the justice system of all time.

Since his free life was becoming too dull at the age of 60, he decided that he could just take back all the memorabilia that he sold off when he needed money.

Unfortunately Mr. Simpson, that's not how the real world works.

Then he drops the classy quote in true Simpson style, "I thought what happens in Vegas stayed in Vegas."

I can only pray that the courts don't drop the ball again with this court case and OJ finally ends up where he belongs.

2. With Manny out again, the Yankees stepping up their game and bullpen issues — have any explanation Red Sox Nation?

**IT:** One word: pitching.

If you can't pitch in September and October, you fall apart.

Aside from Beckett, Sox starters will have to play exponentially better to have a shot at a deep playoff run.

Somebody, anybody, in the Boston bullpen has to step up.

Whether it is Gagne or Papelbon or Okajima, the Sox needs them to perform.

Manny may be being Manny, but offense is offense and, given the pitching, the more the better.

New York started slow, but everybody knows it is about how you finish.

Pains me to say it, but the Bombers know how to finish.

**ND:** Though I am not a Yankees fan, or a part of Red Sox nation, the several Bean town fans I've posed this question to still tell me to look at the standings.

This is true, Boston fans, but I've noticed that confident swagger of a 14 game lead is gone.

The boast looks more like that of my last place Marlins, which is, trust me, not what you want as you head into October.

The good news is that the Red Sox will make the playoffs, and the last time I checked they were the Wild Card when they won it all, so it's not like it matters.

The Yankees have had to spend everything in the tank just trying to make a postseason run.

Red Sox nation should be more concerned with the buzz saw that is resurging Cleveland and the best team no one knows about: the Angels.

3. In the tight NL races, who is going to emerge to represent each division?

**IT:** I'm picking the Phillies, the Cubs and the D-Backs.

Philly has won eight of their last nine, and as of Saturday, their relievers allowed only two runs in 26 and two-thirds innings.

I'm betting they overtake the Mets.

With the Cubs, they've won five of their last six, and the Brewers can't rely on Prince Fielder all the time.

Ben Sheets is hurt (as usual); the Cubs should hang on to their two and a half game lead.

As for Arizona, Jose Valverde has headed a bullpen that should lead a gritty team to the NL West crown.

**ND:** In the East look for the Mets to snap out of their funk, they haven't been pressured all year until now.

The Phillies are ranked 25th in the MLB in pitching, their bullpen is on fire, and just like the Yanks, Philly has spent a lot to make a postseason push.

Except the Yankees control their fate.

In the central, I want the Brewers to overtake the Cubs since for the first time in months they are healthy and have the power with Braun, Fielder, Hall and Hart to make a playoff run.

Both the D-Backs and Padres will make the playoffs. Both fly under the radar out West and both have solid pitching staffs and bullpens.

Don't be surprised if these two teams square off in the NLCS with the other contenders struggling down the stretch.

THE SCORE  
OJ? No-J.  
Ibi 1, Nick 0

THE SCORE  
Walk it off Boston.  
Ibi 2, Nick 0

THE SCORE  
Take your Philly, New York.  
Ibi 2, Nick 1



# Dorm room fitness 101

UVM has a rapidly expanding student body, no pun intended, and here's how to work it off

(Photos by Ben Bonaccio)



## Lunge with bicep curl (above)

Works: Quads, Glutes, Biceps

Stand while holding a dumbbell in each hand, palms facing out, with your hands shoulder-width apart and your arms hanging in front of you (A). Lunge forward and curl the weight toward your shoulders, hold for a second, then return to the starting position (B). Return to starting position to complete one repetition. Do three sets of 12 reps.

- Exercise from Women's Health Magazine



Too cold to go to the gym? Not an excuse — use common dorm room objects to stave off the winter-time insulation.

Instead of dumbbells, use water bottles or that huge textbook you know you haven't started reading yet.

## CAMPUS CUISINE

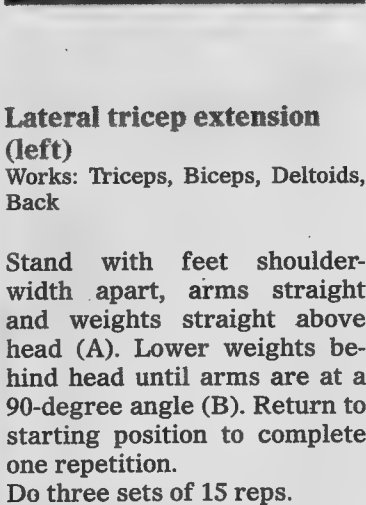
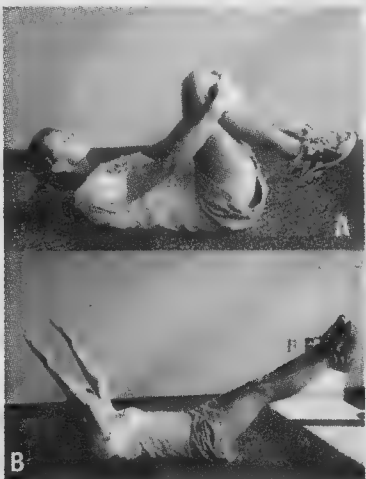
You can still frequent your favorite food stops on campus, just be sure to choose wisely.

**New World:** grab a black bean and cheese burrito instead of a thai chicken.

**Ben and Jerry's:** fruit smoothies still give you that frozen delight, but have less calories than that double delight special.

**Unlimited Dining:** sure that slice of deep-dish pizza might look appetizing, but eat your fruits and veggies, please!

**WATER, WATER, WATER:** there is no such thing as drinking too much water. It'll keep those hunger pangs you get in class at bay, keep you hydrated, and improve your skin tone as well.



## Double leg stretch (left)

Works: Core, Lower Back, Shoulders, Legs

Lie on the floor and exhale while lifting head and shoulders off the floor and legs into chest (A). Inhale and then exhale while straightening and extending both legs away from you. At the same time, reach both arms back so the inner arm is level with your ear. Only stretch the arms and legs away to a point where your spine is neither arched nor pressed into the floor (B). Inhale as you simultaneously bend your knees back to a right angle, and circle the arms out and down, then forward to touch the ankles. Do two sets of 10 reps.

- Exercise from Weight Watchers Magazine

## Oblique crunch (right)

Works: Core, Lower Back, Quads, Hamstrings

Lift your shoulders off the floor until you feel a tight contraction (A). Curl your torso around in a small, clockwise circular motion (B). For the next rep, repeat in the opposite, counterclockwise direction. To make them harder, raise your legs with knees bent at 90 degrees, calves parallel to floor and extend one leg, as you perform each set. Do two sets of 10 reps.

- Exercise from Women's Health Magazine

## EVERYDAY ACTIVITY

Listen to upbeat music so you're walking to a beat on the way to class.

Carry your books and take the stairs. Adding the extra weight will pay off in your legs.

**Sleep it off.** Sleeping is essential to maintain proper body function.

**Crack open a cold one.** According to *Women's Health Magazine*, people eat more when drinking wine than beer, so nix the bottle and grab a six pack.

## Plank with weighted row (left)

Works: Core, Back, Triceps, Chest

Start in plank with your feet hip-width apart (A). Lift your right arm to just below your ribs. (B). Hold for three seconds and return to start. Do two sets of 10 reps on each side.

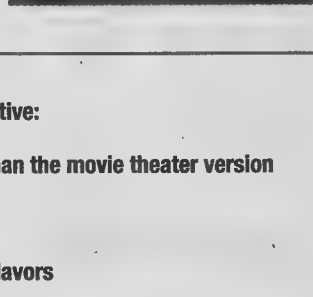
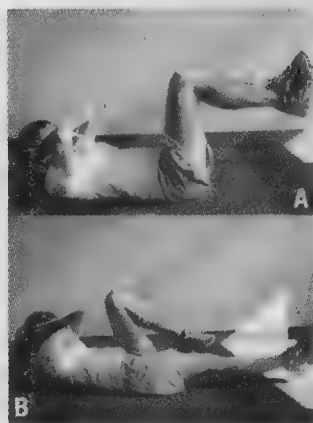
- Exercise from Women's Health Magazine

## SNACK ATTACK

Choose chocolate milk instead of soda for a flavored beverage.

Craving something nutty? Choose peanut M+Ms instead of a Snickers.

Craving chocolate? Reach for chocolate covered raisins or coffee beans.



## THINK INSIDE THE BOX

Make your microwave your best friend and try these foods for a healthy alternative:

**94 percent fat-free popcorn:** it tastes the same and is about 450 calories less than the movie theater version

**Soup:** it will fill you up before a meal so you eat less

**Lean cuisine meals:** the Marche carries these one-box wonders in a variety of flavors

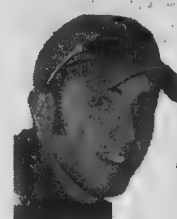
If you do venture out to the gym, do this cardio circuit to jump start your workout:

**Warm Up:** Walk at a brisk pace on the treadmill to up your heart rate then ...

**Machine One — Ergometer** (editor's note — ergometer is a fancy name for a rowing machine): Row hard to the point where you're unable to speak more than three or four words at a time for 30 seconds and then recover at a slow pace for 60 seconds. Repeat four times.

**Machine Two — Stationary Bike:** Pedal fast for one minute to the same exertion level as on the erg and then recover for two minutes. Repeat four times.

**Machine Three — Treadmill:** Sprint for 30 seconds to the same rate of exertion as on the past two machines and recover for 30 seconds. Repeat four times.



The  
Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## Magic numbers

My head hurts and it's not because of the recent temperature swings. Or the increasing weight of my thesis project. Or last night's open-bar wedding reception.

The cause of my recent pervasive headache is the MLB playoff race.

It's dizzying.

It's across the board.

It's out of control.

With a week left in the regular season, which ends on Sept. 30, there are only two divisional races locked up (for all intents and purposes), those being Cleveland in the AL Central and Anaheim in the AL West.

This leaves four divisions basically up for grabs.

Anything could happen.

All of the talk about magic numbers and clinch-this and choke-that is making me see white spots and fear pinstripes.

Starting in the AL East — where my heart is — it was never really in question.

The Yankees were going to be in the thick of things when September rolled around, the Red Sox' 14.5 game lead was moot.

Neither you nor I could have looked in the mirror at that point and said, without cowering in shame, "It's over, Red Sox Nation, the Yankees have collapsed! Smooth sailing, and Godspeed."

Now, after being up by so many games and leading the division for so long, it's come back around.

The hottest team since the all-star break is bearing down on the Red Sox.

It's a far cry from May.

The good news for both, though, is that each has effectively wrapped up the Wild Card slot — we just don't know who's taking it home yet.

The National League race is where things get really interesting.

I'll just throw some names at you: Mets, Phillies, Cubs, Brewers, Diamondbacks, Rockies and Padres.

That makes seven different NL teams with a chance of making the playoffs.

What is more, in no divisional race is there more than a three and a half game difference.

The Wild Card race? It could go in any direction.

Colorado will have the toughest chance, but they are only two and a half games out there.

It's out of control.

The three biggest things to look for this week, aside from how the NL Wild Card turns out:

1. The AL East. Can the Red Sox hold on to their season-long advantage, or will it crumble in the last throws of the 162-game campaign?

Can the Yankees keep up their torrid pace and overtake their red-footed rivals as AL East champs for the umpteenth time in a row?

2. The Mets. They, like the Red Sox, have had their division in hand for much of the season but each win is harder and harder to come by as the season winds down.

3. The Cubs. Enough said.





## This Week

Tuesday, September 18 –  
Monday, September 24

Tuesday, September 25

**Men's Soccer**  
@ Colgate University  
Hamilton, NY, 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 29

**Cross Country**  
@ Vermont State Meet  
Lyndonville, VT, TBA

**Softball**  
@ Connecticut  
Storrs, CT, TBA

**Cross Country**  
@ Murray Keating Invitational  
Orono, ME, 10 a.m.

**Men's Soccer**  
@ Dartmouth  
Hanover, NH, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 30

**Field Hockey**  
vs. Harvard  
Moulton Winder Field, 1 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**  
@ Boston University  
Boston, MA, 1 p.m.

## Next Week

Tuesday, September 25 –  
Monday, October 1

Tuesday, October 2

**Women's Lacrosse**  
vs. Saint Michael's  
Moulton Winder Field, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3

**Field Hockey**  
vs. Dartmouth  
Moulton Winder Field, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 4

**Women's Soccer**  
@ Binghamton  
Vestal, NY, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 5

**Swimming**  
@ Army w/Stony Brook  
West Point, NY, 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

**Cross Country**  
@ New England Championships  
Boston, MA, 12 p.m.

**Field Hockey**  
@ Albany  
Albany, NY, 1 p.m.

**Men's Soccer**  
vs. Albany  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
vs. Sacred Heart University  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 7

**Women's Soccer**  
vs. Stony Brook  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**  
vs. Acadia University  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
vs. Sacred Heart University  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 6:45 p.m.

# Intramural sports take the ice



(Campus Recreation)

Broomball, UVM's most popular intramural sport, originated in Canada by experimentation with sports similar to ice hockey on ice without the need for skates.

## A look at Campus Recreation and their most popular intramural sports

By JAKE AHRENS

Cynic Correspondent

How many students want to hit the game winning shot in a D-I basketball game or better yet, score the winning goal in a varsity hockey game?

For the average student, it's not looking good.

Campus Recreation offers other opportunities for students, not only to get involved in sports, but also to stay active in a variety of programs, none more popular than intramural sports.

Intramural sports is a program set up specifically for students to exercise, meet new people, and most importantly, have fun.

The sports offered range from football to broomball, basketball to softball, and some lesser-known sports such as inner tube water polo and bowling.

Intramurals are a step above backyard pick-up games, because of the organization factor.

Each sport, and each game, has its own officiating crew monitoring sportsmanship, and rules.

There are several different competition levels, including both men's and women's divisions, as well as co-recreation-

al. "You don't have to be an expert, just come and have fun," Intramural Sports Coordinator Shelby Smith said.

Intramural sports are receiving an eye-popping amount of participants.

There are over 90 outdoor soccer and flag football teams, as well as 106 broomball teams, by far, UVM's most popular intramural sport.

Broomball is a knock-off of hockey, played on the ice rink, using brooms and a ball in substitution of sticks and a puck.

All participating teams shoot for the famed broomball barrel, hoping to get their names remembered and known in the years to come. That's what that random barrel is in the lobby of the fitness center: eternal fame.

Not only can students get involved in playing intramural sports, but job opportunities exist within campus recreation as well.

Smith looks forward to maintaining the same enthusiasm and participation level intramural sports has had in previous years.

"First year student should get involved," Smith said. "They can participate and have fun, and meet a lot of new people."

Grab a couple of friends, and register a team online at <http://www.uvm.edu/recreation>, and choose from a plethora of different and exciting sports.

# Do not knock on men's rugby

The men's rugby club continues to dominate, winning their home opener against BU

By IBI TARIQ

Staff Writer

UVM men's rugby club won again this week in an 18-5 decision against Boston University.

The match was a back and forth affair in the first half, as neither team was able to take advantage of the others mistakes and score a try.

Play was heavily located in Vermont's half early on, but a stout defense by the Cats would deny BU any points.

Sophomore Charlie Powell later had the play of the half, chasing down a streaking BU player on the right sideline and stripping the ball away

just before BU could score.

UVM's offense came together in the second half.

The Cats showed more crisp passing and better teamwork on the way to scoring three tries.

Vermont's defenses stayed tough, allowing only one Terrier try.

UVM has allowed just 10 points in the past two games.

Coach Declan Connolly believed that despite the win, the team is capable of playing at a higher level.

"It was an ugly win, but we'll take it," Connolly said. "It was a difficult first half for us. We had much better teamwork in the second half. But we'll be punished severely next week if we play like this again."

Vermont takes on defending national champions Middlebury College at home on Saturday, Oct. 6.



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Men's rugby catches another win, improving to 2-0 on the season.



## INSIDE

The cold weather is no excuse to pack on extra pounds. Get in shape without leaving the dorms. [Page 11]

## NEXT WEEK

UVM sailing team is ranked #18 nationally and features one of the most competitive schedules in collegiate competition.



## SGA chair resigns, citing "egotistical agendas"

Bearese's resignation comes amidst "drama and pretense" she sees in the current SGA

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association is ill at ease this week following the dismissal of Committee on Diversity, Equity & Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) chair John Colin-Quinn, and the resignation of chair Liz Bearese.

According to the SGA Constitution, removing a committee chair requires a 3/4 vote from committee members. The five CODEEE members unanimously voted to remove Quinn.

"Senator Quinn did not involve the committee in any committee activities. We had no meetings; we had very little direction," CODEEE member Christina Wehry said.

Senator Jesse Bragg, also a CODEEE member, said that Quinn's removal would provide the unity, direction and effective communication the committee lacked when he



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Liz Bearese (left) resigned as SGA Student Activities Committee chair last week. John Colin-Quinn (right) was dismissed two weeks ago from his chairmanship of the Committee on Diversity, Equity & Environmental Ethics.

was chair.

Wehry and Bragg initially planned to fill Quinn's position together as co-chairs, Bragg said, but the SGA executive board deemed a co-chairmanship unconstitutional.

Bragg said that either he or Wehry would fill the position. When a committee chair is removed, the committee decides who will fill the vacant seat by majority vote, according to the SGA Constitution.

"I don't question the constitutionality of what you did. I do question the way it was carried out," sophomore Senator Josh Mangiagli said to CODEEE members at last Tuesday's General Assembly.

CODEEE provided no explanation for their decision until Tuesday's meeting - two days after Quinn was removed.

"I don't think they did as much as they should have,"

said sophomore Senator Jay Taylor, chair of the Student Action Committee. "There should have been a blanket e-mail."

Quinn, who will continue to serve on the SGA senate, reflected on his removal at Tuesday's meeting.

"This is something that we need to fix," he said. "It has highlighted numerous problems, ongoing and past. But what I ask is that you don't let

this issue divide us as a body."

Following Tuesday's General Assembly, senior, senator and Chair of the Student Activities Committee Liz Bearese resigned from SGA.

"I do not want to look back on my senior year as one full of drama, gossiping and pretense," Bearese said in the statement announcing her resignation.

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## Darfur rally draws participants, attention downtown



(Christine Hill/Vermont Cynic)

Andy Gill entertains the participants at Sunday's rally downtown for Darfur.

By JOE COSMIDES  
Staff Writer

The genocide and associated political strife in the Darfur region of Sudan were the focus of a rally held in Burlington this Sunday.

The rally, part of the Dream for Darfur US Olympic Torch Relay, was organized by Save Darfur in association with Students Taking Action Now Darfur (S.T.A.N.D.) and was held at City Hall Park in downtown Burlington.

Among the speakers featured at the event were former governor of Vermont Madeleine Kunin, Peace & Justice Center board member Hillary Martin, Director of Domestic Relay for the Save Darfur Coalition Ben Prochazka, UVM STAND member Magdalena Jensen and Representative of the Sudan Divestment Task Force Alex Bamberg.

The rally focused on the relationship between China and the Sudan.

"This symbolic relay is meant to educate and have China use their opportunities to end the genocide," rally director Ben Prochazka said.

According to Prochazka, China is under fire due to their economic ties to Sudan.

"China is the largest exporter of oil from Sudan and they have supplied arms to the government that have contributed to the 200,000 lives lost in Darfur," Prochazka said.

"Since China is a permanent member of the UN Security Council, they have that much more opportunity to stop the genocide in Sudan. Since

China is hosting the Olympics in 2008, we hope to bring the peaceful Olympic Dream to Darfur," Prochazka added.

Former Governor of Vermont Madeleine Kunin's speech roused the crowd.

"You, the younger generation, have the time, the power, the energy, to take a stand," Kunin said. "I believe you can make a difference and that you must make a difference."

UVM's involvement in opposing the Sudanese government has been developing over the past year.

According to Magdalena Jensen of UVM's S.T.A.N.D. chapter, UVM is taking part in a targeted divestment fund that divests money from companies heavily invested in the Sudanese government or Sudanese resources such as oil.

According to Bamberg, the fund was agreed upon unanimously last April, and is currently in the process of being reinvested.

"The Sudanese government is waging war on its own citizens," Bamberg said. "Their military budget is 80% of their total expenditure. What we're trying to show is that companies investing in the Sudanese economy are passively complacent."

Bamberg cited such companies as Sudatel, a government-run telecommunications company that "shut off cell phone powers to areas that are about to be attacked to residents can't warn the next town."

The rally helped promote STAND's mission that, according to Jensen, is "to educate people about what's happening

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# Parts of Central shut down after gas line bursts

Gas main leak causes Votey and other classroom buildings to be closed for most of Friday morning

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO AND ELIZABETH CRAWFORD

Cynic Correspondant/Photo Editor

At 9:10 a.m. on Friday morning, ECI construction workers were digging up a steam line when they ruptured a natural Vermont Gas main next to Perkins Hall.

A half hour later, the fire alarm sounded and all students in Perkins, Votey, Kalkin, Fleming, and Torrey were evacuated, and the perimeter of the affected area was lined with red and yellow caution tape.

"They knew the main was there, but it was shallower than [the workers] had expected," Burlington Fire Department Chief Michael Neil said.

More than 20 fire department personnel, along with additional fire chiefs were on the scene, as police officers kept the mass of students at bay, advising those who were smoking to extinguish their cigarettes.

"There is a remote chance of gas explosion, but we're getting everyone gone as a precaution," Fire Chief Jim Woodman said.

According to Neil, gas goes into the ground and follows the path of least resis-



(Elizabeth Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Workers stand next to the site of Friday's gas main burst. The affected area was reopened a few hours later, and cleared for classes to resume.

tance, meaning that it could have potentially leaked inside the buildings. "It could have been a problem, but [now] it's not a huge deal," he said.

"We keep our concentration register on the low side so we would be able to know long before it would get to dangerous level," Neil said.

Although UVM police were driving all bystanders away from the hazardous area, warning of the "high risk explosive", Neil was reassuring. "We got it down," he said, "this kind of thing happens four to five times a year [in Burlington]."

The closed-off area of haz-

ard included some entrances of buildings that were, in fact, safe to enter. This posed problems for a handful of professors and TAs.

"We have an exam today," senior TA's Sarah Weintraub and Kaela Gray said, as they ushered students to the front of the CC Theater from the non-accessible back door.

Despite claims to have the area secure in half an hour, the

problem was not resolved until almost two hours after the leak. An e-mail was sent to all students at 10:25 a.m. stating that the evacuated buildings would reopen by 11 a.m.

After the event, it was confirmed that the gas leak had not caused any harm or injury. "Some things are called accidents because that's what they are," Neil said.



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Students waited outside evacuated buildings on central campus. Classes resumed at 11 a.m. after the area was declared safe.

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# Dry Dorm policy called into question

By VERA SIMON-NOBES  
Senior Staff Writer

On March 31, 2006, UVM announced that in the coming fall, all residence halls would be alcohol and substance free, even for those who are of age.

Stacey Miller, director of Residential Life said that the policy was created in response to alarming rates of violence towards women in the 2005-2006 school year, many of which involved alcohol.

"While students knew that by law and policy that they were not allowed to drink if they were under the age of 21, old campus culture was that UVM 'administration' really didn't care therefore making it permissible," Miller said.

"The 'dry hall policy' is just one of many policies the University instituted to make our values around academic performance and safety congruent with University Policy, state, and federal law," Miller said.

Now, a year after the dry hall policy began, skeptics say that it is pointless, especially because there are few students of legal drinking age that live on campus.

"I don't think this policy has done a thing, it really only affects the small portion of 21-year-olds that aren't RAs that still live on campus, and most of them don't drink," an anonymous RA said. "It's just something that sounds good."

Dr. Gary Margolis, UVM chief of police said that because state law already restricts residents under age 21 from drinking, implementing the dry hall policy was not a significant change.

"The changes haven't made much of an impact at all because the campus has been, in effect, dry for years," Dr. Margolis said. "The only people who could drink in the residence halls up until now have

been those over 21. There weren't many of these people on campus."

According to the memo announcing the alcohol policy change, 375 students of legal drinking age were projected to live on campus for the fall of 2006. According to Miller, currently 5.3% of on-campus students are 21 or over.

"The 'dry hall policy' has been successful in doing what it was intended to do, which was to clarify expectations," Miller said. "The University has never been disillusioned into thinking that students would stop drinking on-campus because we create a policy that tells them not to."

Miller said that one result of the policy has been the sentiment that RAs and Police Services are "out to get" students.

"Res. Life does not train our RA's to spy on residents," Miller said. "There was a time in our history, when Police Services roamed the halls, this doesn't happen anymore. And while Police Services have the right to be anywhere they want

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**-Dr. Gary Margolis  
Chief of Police, UVM**

on our campus, they respect the Community Standards Process, Residential Life, and residential-students."

Early in the semester, Walter Decker, chief deputy of the Burlington Police, said that the police department is looking at whether there is a "displacement effect" resulting from the dry hall policy.

Chief Deputy Decker said



(Josh Daniel Typrowicz-Cohen/Vermont Cynic)

Students play cards while drinking beer. One of the arguments behind the current alcohol policy at UVM is that social drinking, such as seen above, is no longer acceptable and has been replaced by rampant binge drinking.

that the police department is tracking and monitoring "issues pertaining to alcohol consumption, ordinance violations such as public urination, open container, underage possession..." Decker said the police department is looking "at whether or not this 18 month period is dramatically different than previous years."

"The jury is still out," Decker said. "We got to tabulate more data, we got to collect more information to see whether or not there is any spike or upward trend in the off campus consumption of alcohol."

According to Miller, the fact that students are going off campus to drink is more complex than the dry hall policy alone.

"If the issue was as simple as 'students being too scared to drink in the halls, that they go downtown to find alcohol,' then we would be seeing a decrease and/or fewer violations

on campus, this is simply not the case."

Miller said that Residential Life and the Center for Student Ethics and Standards are not adjudicating any fewer cases than before the policy was enacted.

Jason Cameron of Nectar's said that it's hard to tell if more students of legal age are frequenting Nectar's or Club Metronome. However, he said that there has been an increase in the number of under 21-year-olds at the bars.

"We didn't do too many 18+ shows in the past and they're just starting to catch on," Cameron said. Whether the underage audience is intoxicated, or trying to drink is hard to say. Cameron couldn't verify that the number of confiscated fake IDs has risen, but said they catch "a good number."

"We get a lot, it's always kind of the same in Burlington. In general, right when kids get back they get their

fake IDs and come downtown," Alex Budney of Nectar's said.

According to Miller, perhaps more important than where students are drinking are the student attitudes about alcohol.

"I don't understand why some students believe that drinking underage is their right and that 'the University is taking that away from them.' The University did not establish the drinking age 20 years ago, but is obligated to follow it and enforce it by law."

With its intended and unintended consequences, the dry hall is working toward a goal, of facilitating a safe and healthy campus environment.

The fact that kids are drinking is not up for debate," Julia Michel, a freshman from Bethesda, Maryland said. "The debate instead should come from how we should facilitate that safely. If the dry dorm policy is how to do it, then I'm all for it."

## New UVM Professor dead at 39 of massive heart attack

By CHRISTINE HILL  
Cynic Correspondent

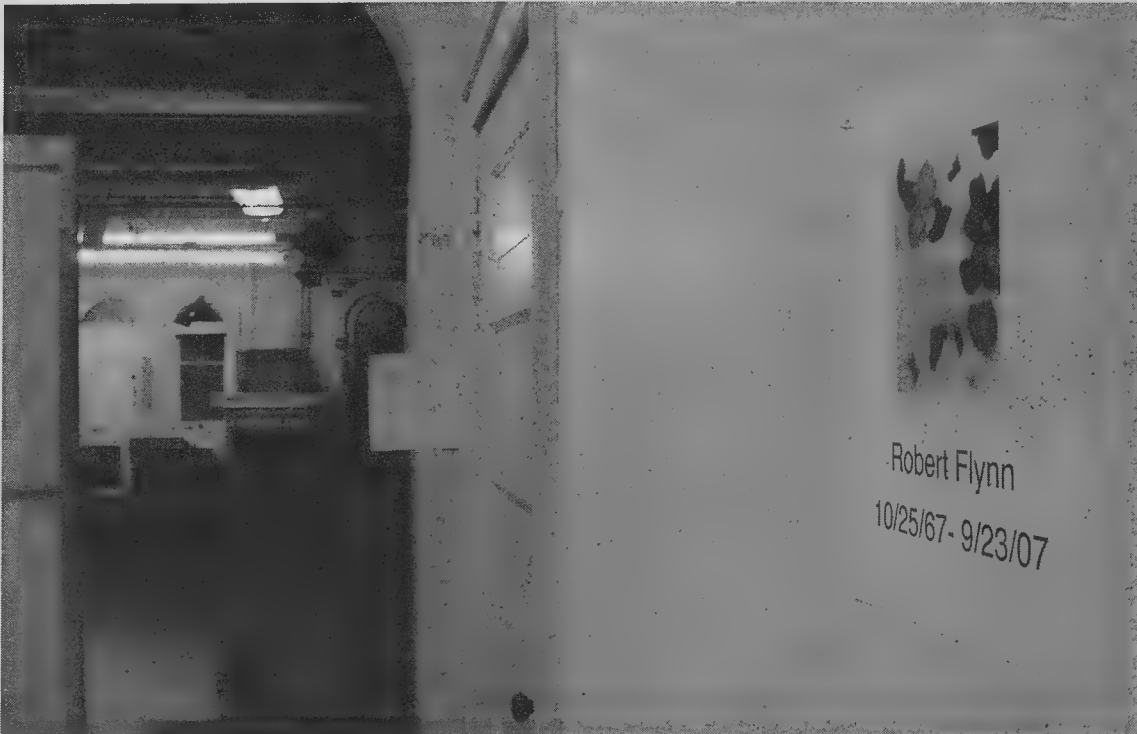
Dozens of students received a blow when they checked their inboxes on Sept. 23. "I have tragic news," wrote Bill McDowell, chair of the art and art history department. "On Saturday morning, your drawing teacher, Robert Flynn, suffered a massive heart attack."

According to those close to the matter, on Saturday, Sept. 22, 39 year old Robert Flynn woke up feeling ill. He was transported to Fletcher Allen medical center and put on life support, as his heart was not responding well to CPR.

Doctors were hoping his condition would improve so he could be air lifted to Boston to await a transplant. However, his condition continued to worsen until he passed away early Sunday morning.

Flynn moved to Vermont only a few months ago from Florida with his wife Stephanie. Flynn had previously taught at art institutions like Barry University and Florida International University.

Simone Blaise-Glaunsinger, administrative assistant



(Christine Hill/Vermont Cynic)

A memorial sign hangs outside the classroom where Robert Flynn taught his drawing class. A memorial service will be held Tuesday.

in the art department office, showed Professor Flynn around when he first arrived this fall.

"This is a big loss for the art department despite the short time he has been here," she wrote in an e-mail. "He

moved here not even two months ago, which makes everything even more difficult... [Robert and his wife] had plans to explore Vermont more."

"There were hundreds of applicants for the position,"

professor Christine Campbell said as she tried to comfort students in their first class back after hearing the news, "and he rose above them all. Everyone here loved him."

Flynn was an accomplished artist, taking inspira-

tion from the American backyard for his latest exhibition, entitled "The Great Lawn." His work was displayed in cities all over the country including Houston, Atlanta, Denver and Miami.

Flynn maintained a relaxed class atmosphere in which he urged students to ignore all preconceived notions and expectations about art. "It seems that Mr. Flynn really didn't want to discriminate between what art was and wasn't," senior Samuel Fath said, "he just wanted us to draw."

Cassandra Clarkson remembers talking to Flynn in his office one day. "He seemed like a such a genuine person who cared about his students in aspects not related to his class," Clarkson said. "He wanted to know how we were."

Other students remember Flynn for his sense of humor. "This is going to be the most fun you'll have in this class," one student recalled him saying as he arranged materials for their next exercise. "It's all downhill from here."

There will be a memorial service this Tuesday, Oct. 2. in Williams 416, the same room where Flynn taught.



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(Christine Hill/Vermont Cynic)

Chris Markley, Chris Barosky, and Liz Colletti of the band, Three People, play at the Dream for Darfur rally.

"It's exciting to see people of all ages here. I'm really pleased with the turnout; it's a great opportunity for UVM STAND to network with other local and national groups," Jensen said.

Speakers emphasized that although Darfur is physically distant, it has ties to the local community. "Our Sudanese brothers and sisters that have resettled here in Vermont make this a local issue as well as a global one," Peace & Jus-

tice Center board member Hilary Martin said.

This notion of community is apparent and evidenced by the number of groups seeking to raise awareness and aid for Darfur here in Vermont. South Burlington High School's Save Darfur Club is among the student organizations in this state doing just that.

"We think that if we can save one or two people, then that's enough. It may not be much, but it's a world of differ-

ence to families and friends of victims," South Burlington HS Save Darfur Club's Charles Li said.

According to Save Darfur's website, the current crisis in Darfur, the western region of Africa's largest country of Sudan, began in 2003 when government-funded tribal militias began plundering the region. As many as 400,000 people have lost their lives and about 2.3 million Darfuris have lost their homes.

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"Egotistical agendas have proved not only to create hostility among friends, but to also hinder any visions from developing properly," the statement said.

"This is clearly a difficult time," Taylor said. "The uncertainty within CODEEE and the loss of Liz Bearese are great blows to our SGA," Taylor said.

In light of several disputes over constitutional interpretation this year, Vice President DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan said the forma-

tion of a judiciary branch of SGA is under consideration.

"Constitutional changes need to take place in order to keep this organization together," Taylor said.

Earlier this year, Speaker of the Senate Mike Glynne removed President Ram, Vice President Vincent-Bryan, and Treasurer Shackett from an executive session during a General Assembly.

Glynne's decision was unprecedented for SGA and raised questions of constitutionality.

## Corrections

— In last weeks page 8 the opinion piece titled "The monster on the hill," \$200 million was written as the price tag on the Davis Center when in fact the building cost \$61 million. Also over the last several years the University has added 85 tenure-track professors.

— The B-Side page 8 in the restaurant review "The Heartbreaker" desert contains Nutella, strawberries and bananas.

— The photo on B8 is not the owner of The Skinny Pancake.

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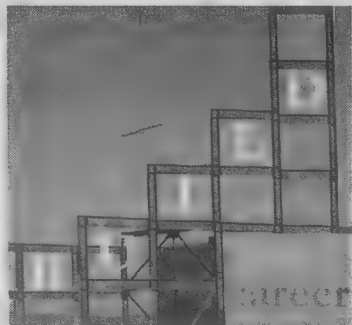
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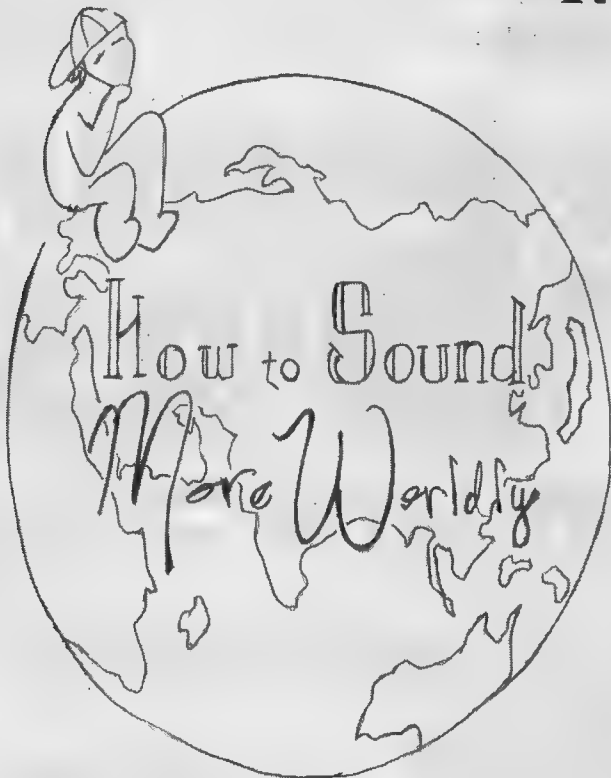
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# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## Ukraine votes for new parliament

Polls were opened in Ukraine on Sunday in hopes of electing a new leader for the country. President Viktor Yushchenko called an election to overthrow Viktor Yanukovich as prime minister and rejoining forces with Yulia Tymoshenko, a former premier in the "Orange Revolution."

## Dengue fever spreading

The dengue fever virus, carried by mosquitoes, has caused almost 200 deaths already this year in Latin America and the Caribbean. This outbreak is the worst in decades and could possibly cause a pandemic since there is not yet a vaccine.

## Have an older brother? You're probably more aggressive

A study conducted by Tierney Williams of UCD reveals that children with older brothers tend to become more aggressive, contrary to those with older sisters.

## Lake amoeba kills in the south

*Naegleria fowleri*, a lake-dwelling amoeba has caused the deaths of six men and boys in the warm waters of Florida, Arizona and Texas. The amoeba enters the body through the nose and feeds on the brain.

## Bond fans bid adieu to Moneypenny

At age 80, actress Lois Maxwell died Saturday. Maxwell played Moneypenny in 14 James Bond films, including Bond's first movie, "Dr. No", alongside Sean Connery in 1962.

## The Supremes consider Gitmo case

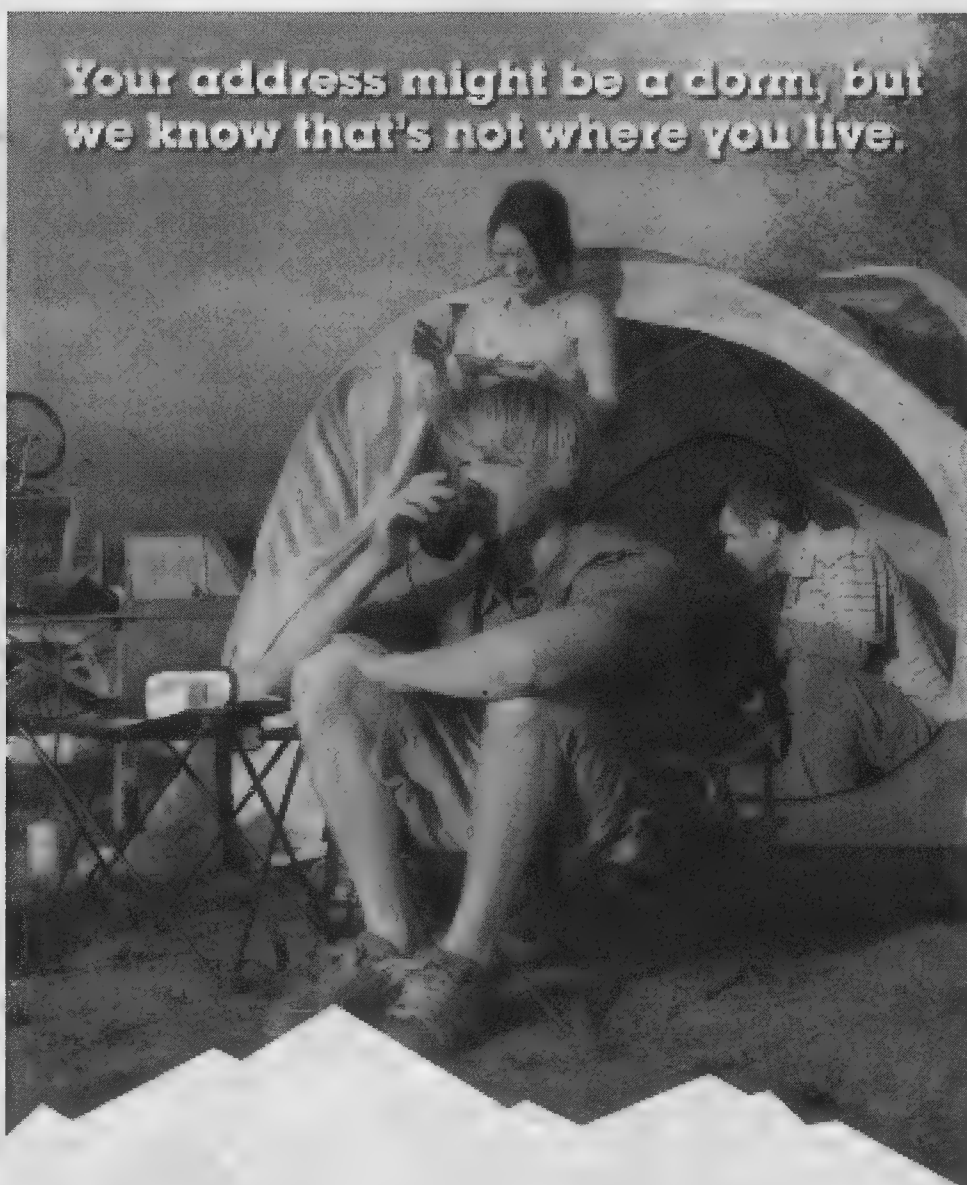
The Supreme Court began a new term on Monday with nine justices set to solve issues, including the rights of the Guantánamo Bay detainees. The justices have already twice ruled that the inmates can challenge indefinite confinement.

## Seventeen lb. baby birthed in Russia

Tatiana Khalina, 42, of Moscow delivered her twelfth child: a 17 pound, 1 ounce baby girl named Nadezhda. The baby is healthy and developing normally. The baby was delivered through a Cesearian section procedure

## Eating carbs might make you smart

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## Chan hates "Rush Hour" series

Hong Kong's actor, Jackie Chan, does not prefer his own "Rush Hour" movie series. He only made the first movie to test the U.S. market, and was disappointed with the outcome. Chan agreed to continue with the sequel because of the lucrative offer he was made.

## Marathon record set in Berlin

Haile Gebrselassie set the world marathon record on Sunday during the Berlin Marathon. He ran the marathon in 2:4:26. The previous record was 26 seconds slower than Gebrselassie's record.

## Cubbies make playoffs

The Chicago Cubs, the National League's perennial chokers, defeated the Cincinnati Reds to clinch the NL Central title. The Cubs last World Series was in 1908, and they last appeared in the World Series in 1945.

## New software breaks Mac/Windows wall

On Thursday, Parallels released updated software that enables Intel-based Macs to run both Windows and Mac OS X at the same time. Mac users can choose to open programs on either a Windows or Mac desktop.

## Germany wins cup, again

The German women's soccer team won the World Cup for the second tournament in a row. Germany defeated Brazil 2-0 in the final. Brazil had defeated the United States' team last week. The United States finished third.

## Fair Haven angers citizens with wealth

The town of Fair Haven, Vt. angered its citizens by announcing that they had a budget surplus of \$1 million. Citizens were angered by how frugal their town might be. Some people have called for an audit of the town's funds.



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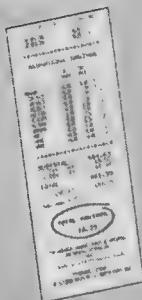
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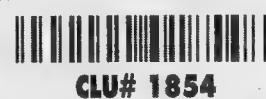
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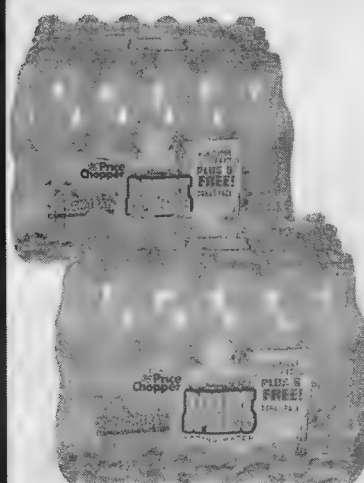
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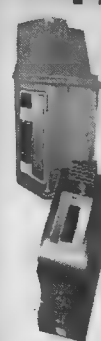
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**"I hate all Iranians"**

-Debra Cagan,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Coalition Affairs to Defence Secretary Robert Gates speaking to visiting British MPs.

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# On the suffocation of thought

In a day and age in which the prime focus of education is the creation of a safe learning environment, students throughout the country are being robbed of the true essence of why we are here to learn.

Learning should be confined to a safe environment only in the sense that physical harm isn't occurring.

But UVM seems to have extended the idea of a safe environment to include isolation from viewpoints that are contrary to ideas held by the majority of the University.

An example of this stifling of true debate for the necessity of a "safe environment" was revealed in the visit by a group of fundamentalist Christian evangelicals.

UVM officials, especially within the student government, took offense

to the literal interpretation of the Bible, condemning homosexuals to hell and to the frank responses given to Jewish students about their potential for salvation.

These visits by evangelicals give students at UVM a unique and educational experience to interact with a group of students that are grossly underrepresented at UVM, but who hold a strong presence in American society.

It has been suggested by some organizations that over 20 percent of the country holds an evangelical and, in some regards, fundamentalist view of Christianity. Would it not be advantageous to the student body to partake in a robust debate with this group visiting campus?

Would it not also make sense to en-

courage this debate as the norm for interaction between UVM students and all visitors to UVM, no matter their beliefs?

The rhetoric of a group of evangelicals does not create an unsafe environment for students, and neither does the content of their beliefs.

Rather, the practices of limiting the speech of these individuals on campus creates a stagnant and unambitious learning environment unfit for the standards set upon an institution of higher education, such as UVM.

Those individuals at UVM Police are to be commended for creating a safe forum for the exchange of frank rhetoric, and one can only hope that cooler heads will always prevail at UVM.

## An eye (and an ear) on Ahmedinejad

Much has been made of the seeming growing tension between president Bush and his Iranian counterpart President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Yet while Bush's words continually receive very heavy media coverage, very few of us have taken the care to carefully examine, or even pay attention to, the words and rhetoric of Ahmadinejad beyond his most fiery and controversial claims.

While we do not wish this, in any way, to be an approval of the Iranian president's views on the holocaust, gay and women's rights or a number of his other "less enlightened" ideas, it is critically important that we do pay attention to his words.

To blindly write off all of his statements and actions, many of which reveal a shrewd and able diplomat, would shield ourselves from the many realities of what is a growing international crisis.

But this is exactly what many of us have chosen to do. Rather than

encourage friendship and cooperation, we have adopted a position of animosity. We decry the man as evil without granting he, the elected representative of a nation, the benefit of explaining himself.

And the tone set by the United States in our dealings with the man and his nation is one of disrespect. While President Ahmadinejad patiently and respectfully listened to George Bush's words at the United Nations, our delegation refused to do the same, choosing instead to get up and leave.

We cannot continue to operate in this way if we wish to avoid confrontation. Iranians are not somehow by their nature irrational creatures. But there is a prevailing attitude that they cannot be dealt with in a rational fashion. This is absurd.

Mr Ahmadinejad's speech last week at the United Nations, for example, was littered with phrases calling for peace, friendship and diplomacy.

And when he did criticize other nations, he rationally and very reasonably made reference to their policies abroad. He did not, for example, label our country as part of an "axis of evil" or other such nonsense.

He, too, was careful to make the distinction between his political adversaries and the people whom they represent; while he very pointedly disagreed with U.S. and Israeli policies, he characterized the peoples of these nations as the victims, rather than the perpetrators of these offenses. And he made no testament to the broad villainy of Jews, Americans or any other groups whom he supposedly violently and irrationally despises.

Contrast this to words of Mr. Bush, which seem tactless and wholly concerned with America's moral authority and the misdeeds of other nations, and a picture of a world in which it is our nation, not Iran, that is the villain and aggressor becomes more clear.



# REPRESENTING THE SYRUP STATE

*The Cynic* had an opportunity to speak with Bernie Sanders, Vermont's proud independent voice in the U.S. Senate. He shared with us his views on the government, voting and education.

*Interview by Jeremy Spiro-Winn*

## VC: WHY SHOULD COLLEGE KIDS, IN PARTICULAR, VOTE?

BS: Well, they should vote because virtually every aspect of their future is being debated right now in Washington and in Montpelier, and, if they choose not to vote they are simply leaving the decision-making process to other people who may not have their best interests in mind. So if you choose not to vote, if you choose not to participate in the political process what you're simply saying is "I want other people to make important decisions for me." Whether it's the environment, whether it's global-warming,

whether it is the nature of the economy and whether I'll have a decent job when I graduate college, whether it is the cost of a college education, whether it is the war in Iraq and a dozen other issues. So people, you live in a democratic society and decisions are gonna be made and young people should be actively involved in the process because the decisions made today are going to impact you for the next 50 years. More so than other people who have even been alive for 50 years, so you should be involved.

## VC: WHAT'S YOUR MOST RADICAL IDEA?

BS: Well, perhaps my most radical idea is democracy. Just what I said, it's that right now, in the United States, decisions are being made by people who have a whole lot of money, large multi-national corporations and wealthy individuals have enormous influence over the political process. In my view, we need to get ordinary people involved, young people involved, people who don't have a whole lot of money involved so that we can move

forward to create an economy that works for everybody, not just the very wealthy, so that we can have a national healthcare program that guarantees healthcare for all people, so that we can make college education affordable to all families and so that we can end the war in Iraq and develop a foreign policy through which the United States becomes a respected part of the world, which is not the case right now.

## VC: DO YOU THINK PARTISANSHIP AND CORRUPTION IS OUT OF CONTROL?

BS: I think that partisanship is, the level of partisanship is very unfortunate. I happen to think that it extends from the fact that right now in the White House we have a right-wing extremist president whose general point of view is I will do as president what I want to do and I'm really not particularly concerned with the needs of the middle class working family or

for that matter what the United States Congress feels about it. I think you have, and I think that is the root of this problem, a president who had the opportunity to reach out to the middle, but in fact has preferred to move along a right-wing extremist position.

## VC: WOULD YOU SAY THE LIBERAL PARTY, OR THE LIBERAL WING, DEMOCRATIC PARTY OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT HAS LOST ITS TEETH? OR WOULD YOU SAY THERE IS A VIABLE OPPOSITION TO THIS?

BS: Well, right now, you have a Democratic party which controls the House and the Senate and the reason that's so is because people all over this country rebelled and turned against the right-wing extremism of the Republican party which had gone on for six years during the Bush administration. As you may know... there is the higher education bill that has just passed and this is an example of what some of the good things that are happening, clearly not enough is happening but the Democratic leadership, and I speak as an independent, we just passed the most significant reform of higher education funding that has taken place in decades and as a result

of that action we have significantly expanded and increased the Pell Grant program. We have lowered interest loans for those students that are borrowing money, and we have created a debt forgiveness program by which loans will be forgiven for those that go into public service and that is a huge step forward for millions of middle income working class families. This is an initiative we have to pass against the opposition of President Bush, but this is just one example of something that has happened. We have raised minimum wage which is a good step, but we are beginning to change direction in global warming.

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## VC: WHAT ABOUT CIVIL LIBERTIES, SHOULD AMERICANS BE CONCERNED WITH THEIR SAFETY OR LIBERTY RIGHT NOW?

BS: Well the President's approval level is also very low, and I think there is a frustration from the American people that Congress has not [realized], there was an expectation with the Democrats taking control of the House and the Senate that Congress would very rapidly move this country in a new direction and that has not happened. That has not happened for a lot of reasons. It hasn't happened, I think, because the Democratic Party is not

progressive enough, it hasn't happened because I think people don't understand that in the Senate, for example, you need 60 votes to make things happen. To end the war in Iraq, to start bringing our troops home you need 60 votes because the Republicans have filibustered every effort, did you know that?

## VC: WHY DO YOU THINK CONGRESS' APPROVAL RATING IS SO LOW RIGHT NOW?

BS: Well, it's not an either-or; international terrorism is a very serious problem and the United States government has to do everything it can to protect the American people and in fact to intelligently combat international terrorism, what I believe and what I have voted for my entire career is that we can do those things without undermining the Constitution of the United States. In my view, President Bush, who will probably go down in

history as one of the worst presidents our country has ever had, will also be remembered as somebody who does not understand what our Constitution is about and thinks he can undermine it in almost every way.

## VC: WELL, ACTUALLY I HAVE A QUESTION RELATING TO THAT. LAST WEEK SAW THE FAILURE OF TWO AMENDMENTS, RESTORING HABEAS RIGHTS TO ACCUSED TERRORISTS ...

BS: Well it's not just to accused terrorists, its restoring the right of habeas corpus in general.

## VC: ... AND OF COURSE TO BRING TROOPS HOME FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME. AND THAT FAILED UNDER MERE THREAT OF REPUBLICAN FILIBUSTER. DO YOU THINK THE REPUBLICANS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO GO AHEAD WITH THOSE THREATS?

BS: Well that's a very good point, and the answer is yes I do. So there are two points here we have to understand. What a filibuster is about is preventing the vote, we didn't vote on the war. If we voted on whether we would vote on the war, we would end the debate. If your question is, do I think that the democrats should have been more aggressive and say "Ok, you don't want to allow us to vote on this issue, you want to debate on this issue, fine, let's debate it, and we'll debate on it tonight and we'll debate on it tomorrow, and we'll debate it tomorrow night and the next day." If that's your question then I think you're right, that's what I think should have happened. And I think that Democrats need to show the American people the nature of the degree to which the Republicans are just trying to obstruct any serious legislation going forward.

## VC: WHAT WOULD YOU SAY PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW, BUT DON'T KNOW ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT?

BS: I am very concerned that in our school system, and certainly through our media, that there is very little understanding of how our government functions. You can watch television, you can look at the newspaper and some very important legislation gets almost no discussion at all. Where, at the same time the media will focus on Paris Hilton, or Britney Spears or Senator Craig's adventure in a bathroom. And yet, important legislation, and how it's proceeding, and why it is not going forward and the power of big money

in Congress are issues that are not discussed. So, implicit in that is the fact that you have a media which is significantly controlled by large corporations themselves who choose to give us certain types of information and choose not to. But to answer your question more directly, we need to improve civics, what used to be called civics in schools. Right now many kids go through school and they have no courses, no discussion about how government functions, what their role is, as citizens of this country; in a democratic society.



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Bernie speaking downtown last spring at the Step It Up rally.

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JULIA MICHEL

## Dear Christ!

Dear God,

So big guy, maybe it's time we sat down to have a little chat. You see, I have a few things to tell you. And maybe you'd like to tell me a few things, too.

First of all, I didn't recycle my soda can from lunch, I just dumped it into the regular trash. My bad. Wanna still be friends?

Second, I swore like a dirty sailor during my intramural soccer game yesterday. Definitely some creative name-

calling though, so maybe you'll forget the lightening bolts just this once?

Well that's about it on my part. Now let's talk about you.

See, I accidentally landed on CNN when I was really trying to watch Oprah and some things really disturbed me. I saw images of hacked-up children and dead soldiers and heard news reports of rising global temperatures. I was just wondering when you were going to get around to saving

the world again.

Just do it already! You see, I totally would help, I'm just all caught up in doing other things. After all that partying, Facebook, Leonardo's Pizza, and attending class once a week I really don't have much time for solving this little thing going on in Iraq or that disagreement in Darfur.

All these problems are just so complicated and just so ... messy. That's why I've given up there's just too much for me

to do, with my booked schedule and all. Civic activism is just so '70s and as if I would be seen in those clothes.

I mean, why are we fighting when we could all just be watching "Knocked Up?" I know the world has problems and all but I just don't understand them and as if I could save Darfur and be back in time for the new "Grey's" episode. That's why I'm leaving it all to you.

That whole parting the Red Sea was sweet and that time

you raised Lazarus from the dead was pretty heady. Maybe you could even turn all UVM's water into wine then we'd have a real celebration.

It's just a good thing you're about to come to the rescue again. Because, you know, I'm hungover and hungry and watching MTV and I don't know if I have the time to call on UVM's campus, but nationally as well, is an embarrassment.

## Letters to the Editor

## More on tolerance

Last week a southern university finally succeeded in removing an activist who had incessantly reappeared on campus after being asked to leave.

This man, an atheist attempting to convince people of his views, was removed by campus police several times, and was finally barred from campus by the student government. Students yelled obscenities at the man, who, they claimed, were violating their right to religion. "I asked this heathen if I was going to heaven, and he said he didn't think so," one student complained.

Another student, the head of an evangelical group on campus, said, "The discomfort he is causing students of faith on campus is enough to override his right to free speech."

This, of course, did not happen. But after the recent unease regarding evangelical activists on campus, I want to echo the comments of James Dailey, Jr., who wrote, "What sort of enlightened school is this when a group of people gathers ... to heckle a man of differing beliefs?" Along that vein, how does tolerance fit into liberalism?

Self-proclaimed liberals espouse a gamut of values, but an underpinning of the variety of liberal ideas is equal rights.

Yet, from the recent intolerance I've seen in response to Holes, Trudeau and Goff's presence on campus, it appears that liberal acceptance is not quite ... liberal; it's only the "correct" alternative lifestyles we support; it's only to the "correct" causes to which we grant freedom of speech. What if the above description did happen? We would be angry — but would it be because the expression of an idea with which we agreed was being regulated, or because freedom of expression in itself was being limited?

This intolerance is, I think, a response to a feeling of impotence we liberals feel within the country.

Though the democrats took the House, Senate and the majority of state legislatures in the midterm elections, we still feel unrepresented in Bush's presidency, and are often disappointed by the decisions of our government, such as the delay in withdrawing troops and the huge violation of human rights still occurring in a war we never supported.

And for the ultraliberals, of which there are many on campus and in this area of the country, there is discontent

with the mainstream, moderate democratic presidential candidates, one of whom we may feel that we have to vote for in a little more than a year.

So, how do we respond? We lash out at the minority of people in our liberal bubble who represent the conservatism that is more popular in other parts of the country. We shout at people who preach religion, telling them to "get the hell out." We take the opportunity we have at our "free-thinking" school to finally retaliate against an agent of the evangelicals who, as a whole, helped get Bush into office.

I don't especially want to be preached to about something that is not my belief on my way to class, but to respond caustically to an opinion that opposes my beliefs, but is not harming anyone or violating anyone else's rights, is to assert that liberals are just as intolerant as any other ideological group.

We should be consistent in a message of tolerance; if liberal students can't walk by and ignore preachers, how can we protest when conservatives don't tolerate groups of people and concepts that we deem "correct?" Just because a concept or individual is not "liberal" does not mean we should mute its expression or eliminate its presence.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Bauman  
Class of 2008

## Ahmedinejad: or how I learned to stop worrying and love Iran

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has garnered a negative global image for his forceful statements calling for neighboring Israel to be "wiped off the map" coinciding with numerous human rights violations against women, homosexuals and minority populations.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, President Ahmadinejad was invited to speak his views and field questions in an open forum at Columbia University from an audience including both faculty and the student body.

Immediately the capacity crowd was taken aback by a forceful introduction witnessing Columbia University President Bollinger unleash a series of unrelenting attacks on Ahmadinejad, calling him a "cruel and petty dictator" while questioning his intellectual courage.

In hindsight, this action by Bollinger was increasingly perceived as an attempt to compensate for his highly criticized invitation of a controversial world leader to such a prestigious university.

Hundreds of protesters lined the streets outside the venue of the Ahmadinejad's speech as they, along with many other skeptics felt such a prestigious forum should not be given to a leader who only intends to spew propaganda

and political rhetoric.

Others argued that extending the invitation to Ahmadinejad embodied the democratic ideal of free speech constituting the fabric of American society.

Despite not agreeing with his views and stances on many issues, supporters of the speech claim the only way to combat the abusive ways of Ahmadinejad is to give him a taste of the very same democracy and freedom lacking in Iran.

Overall, the answers that President Ahmadinejad provided were just as controversial as the hysteria surrounding the event. Calling for more "research" to be done on The Holocaust, and claiming homosexuality is nonexistent in Iran drew many jeers and even laughter from the stunned crowd.

Ahmadinejad also claimed women and men were treated equally in Iran and criticized the introduction by Bollinger as belittling the audience by disallowing them from drawing their own conclusions about the character of Ahmadinejad.

Having visited Iran on several occasions, most recently in 2005 and being a native Iranian, I was exposed to an Iranian subculture fighting oppression and frustration to-

wards harsh government policies. Women were required by law to cover their entire bodies and the sexes were segregated in every aspect of life imaginable.

But young Iranians have carved out a separate youth culture where the sexes freely intermingle and the restrictive laws imposed upon the people are challenged.

Strands of women's hair flowing outside the veil exhibit the constant struggle embodied in everyday Iranian life, where glimpses of freedom are visible beneath the theocratic state.

Witnessing college students being tossed through dorm room windows off their balconies, leaving shattered glass and bloodshed on the streets of Tehran in the 1999 pro-freedom protests, it was evident that change was sought by most all Iranians.

Despite what many feel about the Iranian president and the regime that currently sits in power, it is vital that these people be engaged in open dialogue in order to better understand such leaders and more about the true nature that exists within the countries they represent.

Sincerely,  
Farzin Mojtabai  
Class of 2009

## Flimsy, cheaply-built human rights

Dear UVM,

China is funding genocide, you can help stop it!

Beijing is hosting the Summer Olympics in 2008. The Olympics are events that symbolize peace, unity and fraternity; it is the ultimate arena for nations to come together for peaceful competition.

The Chinese Olympics will effectively be a coming-out party for the new rising economic power and they want to project an image of responsibility and unity. Their slogan is "One World, One Dream," yet their rhetoric differs drastically from their practices.

China is complicit in this century's most heinous crime: genocide. Genocide is being committed in Darfur, the Western region of Sudan; over 400,000 people have been killed and over two million people have been displaced from their homes. China's economic ties with Sudan are the only way that Sudan is able to fund their campaign of aerial bombing and ground pillaging against the villages of Darfur. The SaveDarfur coalition explicitly outlines China and Sudan's economic relationship as having four components: oil,

foreign investment, trade, and economic aid.

Sudanese oil exports accounts for 7 percent of China's oil imports.

China's National Petroleum Company is the largest stakeholder in Sudan's energy consortium, the Greater Nile Petroleum Operating Company.

China purchases 71 percent of Sudan's total exports and Sudan is China's biggest buyer on the African continent.

China agreed to write off \$80 million in Sudanese public debt and is providing Sudan with an interest-free \$13 million loan.

In essence, China is directly, openly and unabashedly funding genocide in Darfur. President Bush expounds his distaste for the genocide at every possible occasion, yet he is sending mixed messages.

In an address to the United Nations, Bush asked the UN to "answer this challenge to conscience, and live up to its promise to promptly deploy peacekeeping forces to Darfur." Yet, that same week, Bush announced that he will be traveling to Beijing to watch the Olympics. He will

be the first American president to attend the Olympic Games abroad.

President Bush has failed Darfur, despite his seeming compassion for the situation. China has more than failed Darfur. If two of the world's superpowers have failed to stop genocide, despite their commitment to the preservation of human rights (both the U.S. and China are signatories on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), what can any one person do?

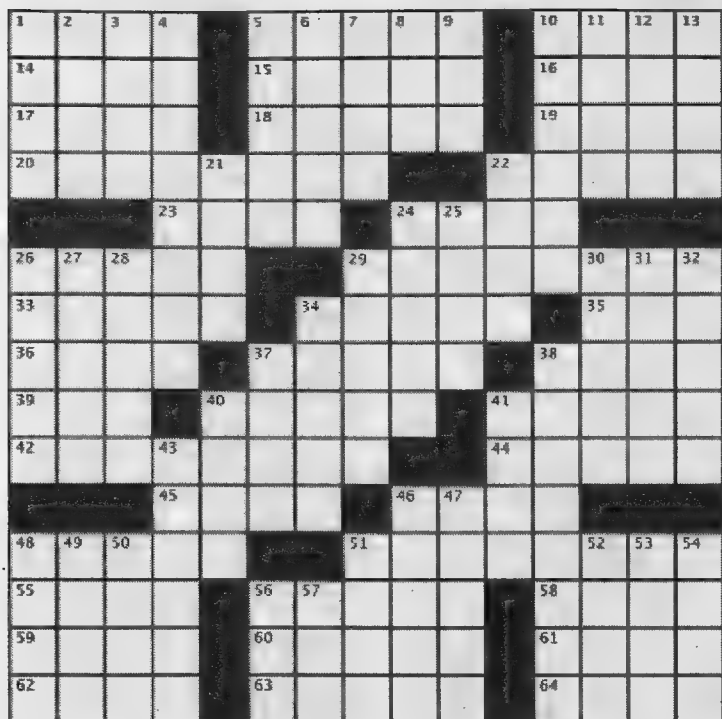
It is essential not to lose hope. You have to believe that your actions make a difference, and they do. Yes, one letter sent to President Bush asking him to pressure President Hu Jintao of China to engage in diplomatic talks with Sudan will make little difference, but if 500 such e-mails flood the White House inbox, they will take notice. So, please, write that letter! Innocent lives depend upon the smallest actions that we take.

Sincerely,  
Magdalena Maria Jensen  
Class of 2008



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ACROSS

- 1- Smack
- 5- Reverence for God
- 10- Unspecified in number
- 14- Exude slowly
- 15- To provide with a quality
- 16- Steep, rugged rock
- 17- The closest one to us is the sun
- 18- Coniferous evergreen forest
- 19- Suspend
- 20- Salve
- 22- Lump of chewed food
- 23- River in central Switzerland
- 24- Lip-curling facial expression
- 26- Divest
- 29- Moderate
- 33- Mall frequenters
- 34- Domesticates
- 35- Former coin of France
- 36- Exclamation to express sorrow
- 37- Argument
- 38- Raised platform
- 39- Young goat
- 40- Throw up
- 41- Animal
- 42- Glad all over
- 44- Speed contests
- 45- Secondhand
- 46- Trudge
- 48- Slumbered
- 51- Having flowers
- 55- Metal filament
- 56- Collection of maps, Titan of Greek mythology
- 58- Roman emperor
- 59- Natural blue dye

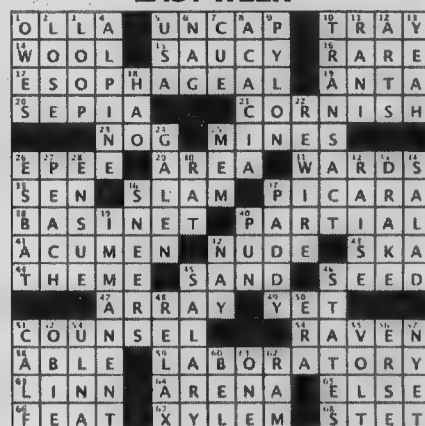
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- 61- Otherwise
- 62- Game of chance
- 63- Cinde
- 64- Stains

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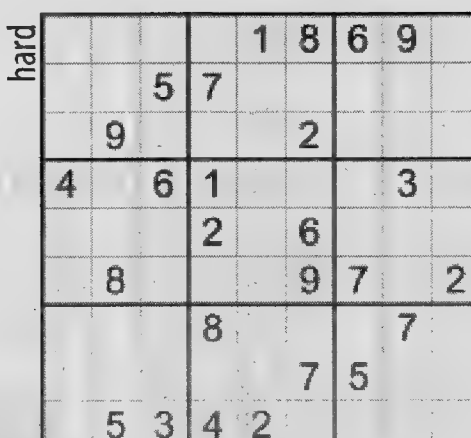
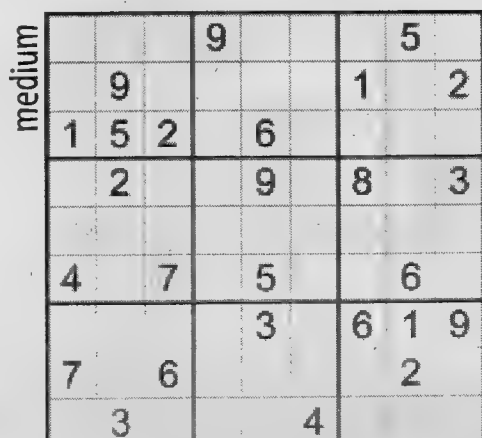
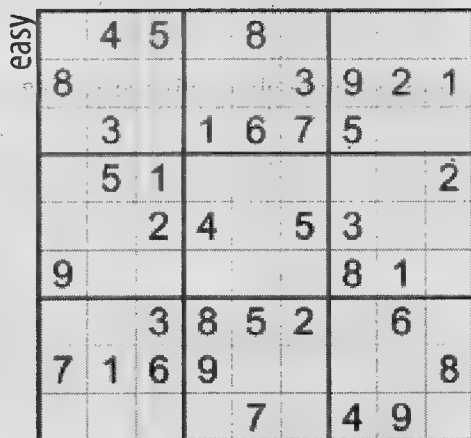
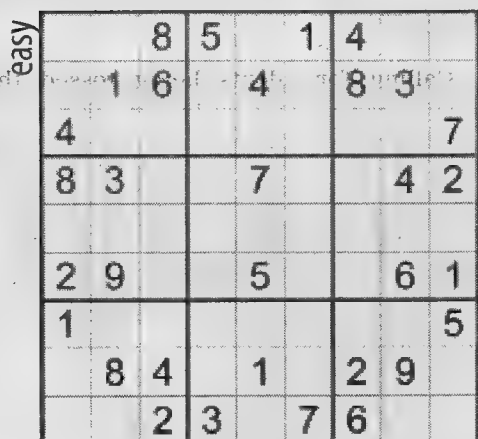
- 1- Indifferent
- 2- Monetary unit of Lesotho
- 3- Islamic call to prayer
- 4- Belongs
- 5- Tire (out)
- 6- Mindlessly stupid
- 7- Prepare a book or film for release
- 8- Drag
- 9- Affirmative reply
- 10- Black tourmaline
- 11- Spoken
- 12- Hindu lawgiver
- 13- Ova
- 21- Charts
- 22- Places to sleep
- 24- Boundary
- 25- Paradise
- 26- Post
- 27- Tending to a definite end
- 28- Peruses
- 29- Crazy
- 30- Son of Abraham
- 31- Racket
- 32- Sudden bursts of wind
- 34- Bombastic
- 37- Routine
- 38- Numbed
- 40- Immense
- 41- Ridge over the eye

- 43- Black gum
- 46- Sandy bathing beach
- 47- One in second, say
- 48- Love letters
- 49- Queue
- 50- "\_\_\_ Brockovich"
- 51- Bungle
- 52- Depend
- 53- Gaelic language of Ireland or Scotland
- 54- Female rabbits
- 56- Exist
- 57- Male cat
- 61- Snow runner

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# Last Week

**Tuesday, September 25 –  
Monday, October 1**

**Tuesday, September 25**

## Men's Soccer @ Colgate

— Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0

Colgate: 1-0-1

**Saturday, September 29**

## Men's Soccer @ Dartmouth

— Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0

Dartmouth: 0-1-1

**Sunday, September 30**

## Field Hockey vs. Harvard

— Win

Harvard: 0-1-1

Vermont: 2-1-3

## Women's Soccer @ Boston U

— Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0

Boston U: 0-1-1

# Conference Standings

## America East Field Hockey

Albany- (1-0) Overall - (9-3)  
Boston University- (1-0) Overall (9-3)  
Vermont - (1-0) Overall - (8-4)  
New Hampshire - (0-1) Overall - (6-6)  
Maine- (0-1) Overall - (4-6)  
Fairfield- (0-1) Overall (2-9)

## America East Men's Soccer

Hartford- (0-0-0) Overall - (5-1-1)  
Binghamton- (0-0-0) Overall - (7-2-0)  
Stony Brook- (0-0-0) Overall - (6-3-0)  
Boston University- (0-0-0) Overall - (4-4-0)  
UMBC- (0-0-0) Overall - (3-3-2)  
New Hampshire- (0-0-0) Overall - (2-3-3)  
Vermont- (0-0-0) Overall - (3-7-0)  
Maine - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-7-0)  
Albany - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-7-1)

## America East Women's Soccer

Stony Brook (1-0-0) Overall - (4-2-3)  
New Hampshire - (1-0-0) Overall - (5-4-1)  
Boston University- (1-0-0) Overall - (4-5-1)  
Maine - (1-0-0) Overall - (3-4-2)  
Hartford - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-5-2)  
Albany - (0-1-0) Overall - (3-4-3)  
Binghamton- (0-1-0) Overall - (1-7-2)  
UMBC- (0-1-0) Overall - (1-7-2)  
Vermont, AE - (0-1-0) Overall - (1-8-1)

# The students behind the student-athletes

## A glimpse into the world of an athletic training major at UVM

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Assistant Sports Editor

In the realm of sports fandom, the role of athletic medicine often goes unnoticed. However, for a small number of students majoring in athletic training at UVM, it is their world.

Whether taping ankles, evaluating injuries or rehabbing a sprained knee, athletic



(Josh Appelbaum/Vermont Cynic)  
**Rebecca Handel performing PNF (Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation) while rehabbing a Cat student-athlete.**

training majors like junior Rebecca Handel are the students working to keep Cata-mountain student-athletes on the field and off the shelf.

An East Hartford, Conn. native, Handel is one of only seven Level III athletic training majors at UVM.

With fewer than 30 students currently enrolled in the four-year program, a certain shared closeness permeates among its members.

"We're a tight group of kids," said Handel, also a first-year resident advisor at University Heights. "I like being part of a small group. I know all my advisors, my teachers."

"It makes it easier to learn and ask questions and feel comfortable with the program you are in."

## A simple twist of fate

A three-sport athlete and star soccer player in high school, Handel became interested in athletic medicine while rehabbing a rolled ankle suffered during track and field practice.

"I had to go to the trainer every day and they couldn't keep me out of the place," she recalls.

Now, Handel enjoys returning the favor.

Working closely with women's soccer and men's lacrosse this semester, the 20-year-old is able to bring to life what she learns in classes like evaluation of athletic injuries, therapeutic modalities and care and prevention of

injuries.

Forever an athlete at heart, Handel takes great pleasure in her unique working environment.

"I love sports, I always have. It's kind of the best of [both] worlds; work and play."

## "I get to work with people"

Beyond her overall contribution to the health of UVM athletics, much of Handel's satisfaction stems from the valued relationships she is able to develop with Cata-mountain student-athletes.

While assigned to a team, Handel attends nearly every practice, roams the sidelines during home games and even travels via bus for road contests.

"I love the fact that I don't have to sit at a desk everyday. I get to work with people."

Because of her decorated experience as an athlete, Handel is highly effective in relating to the student-athletes she works with.

"It helps being an athlete because you've been there before. As a student you are at their level. You can relate to them with classes and the stresses of everything at college."

Despite how much it pains her to stay on the sidelines during a women's soccer game, Handel has found a calling in athletic training.

"Sometimes you have to think, am I going to be playing soccer the rest of my life?

Probably not. I am probably going to do be doing something that I want to do. Athlete training is that close second."

## "You never stop learning"

Because athletic medicine varies with each specific athlete, trainers at UVM have a working relationship with not only team physicians, but doctors and specialists at Fletcher Allen Hospital as well.

"We treat each individual as an individual," said UVM assistant athletic trainer Neal Sand. "It's not an exact science, so it's tough. Each injury is different."

As a result, despite having worked previously with men's basketball and women's field hockey at UVM, Handel looks to graduate school to hone her skills in the ever adapting and evolving field of athletic medicine.

"You never stop learning. There are new things that come up everyday, new technologies, new injuries, new techniques."

Ultimately, the eternally upbeat Handel hopes to become a jack-of-all-trades athletic trainer. As an avid skier, it would not be a surprise if she ended up somewhere in Alaska.

"I'd love to work out on some mountain and ski patrol. Live in my little hut," Handel blushing admits. "When someone gets hurt out on the mountain, they bring them down to me."

## NFL

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we're 10-2 with Rex."

But starting in last season's Super Bowl, Grossman has been awful and arguably lost Chicago three games.

That is where the team had to draw the line.

Last season Grossman had six games with a QB rating under 65, but also eight games with a rating over 100.

But through three games this season we have not seen Good Rex at all.

His highest rating was in week two against the Chiefs when he finished the game with a rating of 56.

Even more telling is that in his last four games (including the Super Bowl loss), Grossman has thrown eight interceptions compared with only two touchdowns.

Now the Bears stand 1-3 and unless they turn it around quickly Brett Favre and the Cheeseheads to the north are going to run away with the division title that was earmarked for Chicago.

Many people are wondering why it took so long, but after spending a first-round pick on Grossman and touting him as the quarterback of the future through all his injuries, the Bears had to see it through.

Not since the era of Sid Luckman (quarterback of the Bears from 1939 to 1950) has Chicago seen a franchise quarterback and they thought Grossman would be the next.

Learning that is not the case and having to start back at square one is a crushing blow to a team that was in the Super Bowl last season.

What happens now?

The Bears go back to playing the conservative football that the city of Chicago hates so much.

They run the ball 40 times a game with Cedric Benson and Adrian Peterson; tell Griese to do anything but turn the ball over and let their defense and more likely Devin Hester and the special teams win games.

With all the injuries in the secondary, I don't know if the defense will be good enough to win games like they did in years past.

While it might be premature, a couple of more losses could call for the packing in of the season in hopes of landing Brian Brohm or Andre Woodson Jr. in next year's draft.

[Editors Note: The Bears lost to the Detroit Lions 37-27 on Sunday. Brian Griese went 34 for 52 with two touchdowns and three interceptions. The loss drops Chicago to 1-3 on the season and they now sit in a distant third place in the NFC North behind next weeks opponent, the Green Bay Packers. The only question that remains is when we are going to see Kyle Orton.]

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didn't have the ball, and that was a big focus for us."

Vermont plays at home this Wednesday, taking on Dartmouth. In UVM's last meeting with Dartmouth, the Cats lost a heartbreaker, losing 5-4 on penalty strokes.

"Our focus will continue to be fast, quick decisions on defense when we do not have possession of the ball," Houghton said. "Sticking to our game plan, and making any adjustments we have to against them."

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Senior captain Betsy Welsh (13) prepared to drive the ball upfield in Sunday's win over Harvard. Welsh aided the defensive line, holding Harvard to a single goal.

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

A column by The Vermont Cynic Sports Staff

Good Week for Boston Basketball  
By JOSH APPELBAUM

After signing free agent swingman Dahntay Jones and mammoth Uruguayan center Estaban Batista to non-guaranteed contracts, the Celtics finalized their supporting cast for the triumphant trio of The Truth, KG and Ray Allen.

As the team heads to Rome for training camp, head coach Doc Rivers can now focus on establishing rotations to maximize production.

Bad Week for New Orleans  
By NICK DECARO

Not only did the Saints lose in their home opener on Monday night to fall to 0-3 on the season, but they also lost the proverbial glue of their offense for the entire season.

Deuce McAllister, the balanced bruiser to the flashy offense, has reportedly torn the ACL in his left knee which would end his season.

This puts immense pressure on Reggie Bush and Aaron Stecker to take on more carries and try to get the Saints offense on track.

Can the Saints call on the voodoo magic of last years improbable NFC Championship run, or will the team return to being the 'Aints?

Bad Week for Michael Vick, again  
By IBI TARIQ

As if things couldn't get worse, Michael Vick has tested positive for marijuana in a recent urine test.

The violation will lead to a big restriction on Vick's freedom before his Dec. 10 sentencing on dogfighting charges.

Vick will be confined to his home from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and will be monitored electronically.

Good Week for Manny Ramirez  
By ZACH PARKER

Welcome back, Manny. After missing 25 games due to injury, the Sox slugger returned with a refined hitting style.

In his first two games back, Manny hit four singles while batting second for the first time in his career.

With Ramirez back in the mix, the Sox seem headed for a successful October.

Good Week for the Chicago Bears  
By JAKE AHRENS

Yes, they are 1-2, and struggling to stay above water, but head coach Lovie Smith just made a decision that could save their season.

The 32-year-old journeyman, Brian Griese, got the nod at quarterback over the struggling Rex Grossman, a move, that in itself, warrants them a good week.

# View from the Sidelines

A commentary on the National Football League brought to you by Dakota Rubin  
**NFL Predictions – Week Five**

### The Game of the Week

**Tampa Bay at Indianapolis** – The Bucs have surprised a lot of people this season with great defense and a rejuvenated offense under the leadership and direction of QB Jeff Garcia.

That being said, going into the defending champs' house is never easy and Indy is one of the hardest places in the league to play. But the game should be much closer than many anticipate.  
Indianapolis 27, Tampa Bay 20

### The Best of the Rest

**Chicago at Green Bay** – For the last few years the Bears have dominated this rivalry, but this season everything has changed. The Packers are flying high on the right arm of Brett Favre while Chicago is floundering.  
Green Bay 27, Chicago 20

**Baltimore at San Francisco** – The Ravens will be looking to bounce back from a disheartening defeat to the Browns last week. But going to San Fran is not an easy trip and will result in a second straight loss for Baltimore.  
San Francisco 24, Baltimore 17

**Jacksonville at Kansas City** – The Jags will have a slight advantage in this game. But it will come down to their resilience on the road in the fourth quarter.  
Jacksonville 24, Kansas City 20

**NY Jets at NY Giants** – The Battle of the Meadowlands will go to the Giants. After

loosing to the Bills last weekend the Jets will look to get back on track at home. It's too bad for them that their cross-town rivals are better.  
Giants 20, Jets 10

**Carolina at New Orleans** – Coming off the by-week the Saints will be looking to capture their first victory of the season. The Panthers are a good team but are going to be running into New Orleans at the wrong time of season.  
New Orleans 30, Carolina 21

**Cleveland at New England** – The Pats are officially on upset alert. After beating the Ravens convincingly last weekend, the Browns will be riding high into Gillette. New England will get by with their superior talent.  
New England 24, Cleveland 21

**Seattle at Pittsburgh** – This is a very good match up, but the scales will be tipped in the favor of the Steelers because of their superior defense and home field advantage.  
Pittsburgh 20, Seattle 13

**Tampa Bay at Indianapolis** – The Bucs will seriously test the Colts in this game. Their defense is very solid and Jeff Garcia has led an offensive resurgence. But against the defending champs in Indy it won't matter.  
Indianapolis 27, Tampa Bay 20

**San Diego at Denver** – The Chargers are

not as dominant as people thought they would be this season, but their defense is still one of the most dominate in the NFL.

San Diego 20, Denver 13

### For the Record

**Miami at Houston** – Both teams suffered bad losses last week and will look to bounce back. The Texans have more talent, but because of all the injuries in their receiving corps the game will stay much closer than it would otherwise.  
Houston 26, Miami 20

**Dallas at Buffalo** – The Cowboys are looking like the team to beat out of the NFC. They can score with any team in the league and have been playing spectacular D. The Bills don't have a chance.  
Dallas 33, Buffalo 9

**Atlanta at Tennessee** – The Falcons got their first win last week, but their winning ways will end in the Music City. Vince Young does not have a strong supporting cast, but somehow he and coach Jeff Fischer have this team believing and looking towards the playoffs.  
Tennessee 27, Atlanta 13

**Detroit at Washington** – The Lions have an impressive offense that will run wild in D.C. The Redskins are coming off a by-week, but all that will do is insure that their players are well rested to run after Detroit's high-flying receivers.  
Detroit 40, Washington 24

## Face Off THE MATCHUP NICK DECARO vs. ZACH PARKER

**1. Was OSU head football coach Mike Gundy's retaliatory rant against the Daily Oklahoman sports columnist Jenni Carlson's editorial justified?**

**ND:** Absolutely!

Props to coach Gundy for protecting his player and blasting a reporter who can't get her facts straight.

It's good to still see there is integrity in football coaching after the recent Belichick blemish.

A coach, as a man, stood up and defended his quarterback.

He didn't bench Bobby Reid because he was weak or fragile like the reporter alleged, he switched to give his team the best chance to win, and what do you know, they did.

This just shows an arrogant writer looking to create a controversy, by attacking an amateur athlete, and a good coach coming to his player's aid.

**ZP:** Mike Gundy definitely made a fool of himself, however, he did what all coaches are supposed to do: stick up for their players.

Quarterback Bobby Reid was attacked by a member of the media, and Gundy took the pressure off Reid by flipping out during a press conference.

Carlson's column was vicious towards Reid, and Gundy did what he felt was right.

Granted, he looked like a complete idiot while doing so, but Mike Gundy showed that he cares about his players and gave lowly Oklahoma State something to rally around.

**2. Who will claim the AL and NL Cy Young award?**

**ND:** Jake Peavy has run away with the NL Cy Young award.

He leads the NL in wins (19), ERA (2.36) and strikeouts (234).

He has carried San Diego towards the postseason, and is 3-0 in his last four starts.

The AL Cy Young is a crap shoot.

Arguably about a dozen pitchers have a legitimate claim, but it can be narrowed down to Fausto Carmona, John Lackey, C.C. Sabathia and Josh Beckett.

Sabathia should win because out of the four, he is the most consistent.

He has a better ERA (3.19) than Beckett (3.27), more strikeouts than all four (205) and more innings pitched than all four.

Sabathia is on fire down the stretch with 4-0 in his last five starts.

**ZP:** The AL Cy Young award absolutely goes to Josh Beckett.

He is a 20-game winner in a stacked American league, and he has carried the Red Sox pitching staff all season.

Without Beckett, the Sox would not be AL East champs and they might not even have made the playoffs.

As far as the National League is concerned, it's a no-brainer: Jake Peavy.

Peavy has been lights-out all season and he leads the Majors in ERA.

As if that weren't enough, he also leads the NL in strikeouts and is tied for the lead in wins.

Jake Peavy is, without question, the best pitcher in the NL.

**3. The NHL season has officially started. Who is going to win the Stanley Cup?**

**ND:** It's far too early to tell who will win the 2008 Stanley Cup.

It's still 2007 and the preseason.

Quite frankly there are countless issues much higher up on the priority list.

Like the ridiculous college football games this weekend: #6 Cal at #11 Oregon and #5 West Virginia at #18 South Florida, highlight the weekend.

Or the seven NL teams, all within two games of each other, fighting for four spots.

Maybe the inexplicable benching of U.S. goalie Hope Solo, who posted three shutouts in a row. Yanked! Leading to the U.S. falling to Brazil 4-0.

I'll look for the Ducks to repeat because aside of Ryan Miller, Jean-Sebastian Giguere is the best goalie in the league and Anaheim has the best defense in the NHL.

For a meaningful prediction, check back when the NHL matters, like April.

**ZP:** With the NHL's greatest young player on their team and an outstanding supporting cast, the Pittsburgh Penguins are the favorites to win the Stanley Cup.

Sidney Crosby is the reigning scoring champ and, in his third year, he already seems fully capable of leading the Penguins to the championship.

As if Crosby didn't provide enough firepower, youngsters Jordan Staal and Evgeni Malkin are great compliments and should help Crosby carry the Penguins far enough to kiss the Cup when it's all said and done.

### THE SCORE

Press is press, don't make yourself look bad  
Zach 1, Nick 0

### THE SCORE

The Windy City blows away the competition  
Zach 1, Nick 1

### THE SCORE

It's important to start off on the right foot  
Zach 2, Nick 1





## SAILING

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the toughest and most competitive district of college sailing, which is exactly what the team wants.

The better they are and the better they perform, the better their chances are at securing spots in the top-quality events.

There are three different squads to the sailing team; women's, freshmen and co-ed. Both the women's and co-ed squads were nationally ranked in 2001.

One of the team's goals coming into the fall season is to qualify all three squads for the Atlantic Coast Championships, the major college sailing regatta of the fall season.

The main championships occur in the spring season, toward which the team has their heart set.

"Everybody gets together really well, we have great camaraderie on the team," sophomore Coco Solsvig said.

Solsvig, paired with sophomore Clinton Hayes, earned recognition as runner-ups for NEISA Conference Sailor of the Week Award last week.

On any given weekend the team may attend as many as eight regattas, or races, sending different groups of sailors to different events.

Each pair of sailors must remain extremely focused, maintaining the right techniques and maneuvers to steer their 13-foot dinghy through each roughly 15-minute race.

There are many different



(Tricia McGarry/UVM Sailing)

Sailors from the UVM sailing team make rough rolltacks on Lake Travis during their spring break training trip in Texas.

variables, it really is a week-end-to-weekend sport making sailing strategy paramount depending on the body of water, location and weather conditions Assad said.

"We are capable of winning [under any conditions], but it all comes down to execution," Assad said.

The team is an SGA-recognized club organization at UVM but competes in regattas scheduled predominantly against other schools' varsity teams.

After recording 10th place in a field of 24 at their first major regatta, the Har-

ry Anderson Trophy at Yale, the team has been on the up-swing.

Placing sixth out of 18 teams at the Hatch Brown Trophy at MIT and following up with a commanding seventh place finish two weeks ago at Tufts, along with a first place finish at UNH, the team is hoping to continue to feed off that positive energy.

"It's pretty sweet to beat varsity teams as a club team," Assad said. "But it's just a label."

"We put in just as much time as any varsity team out there," Hayes said. "We prac-

tice five days a week, traveling every weekend."

Sailing is an extremely competitive sport, requiring great intuition and precision to perform at a premier level.

The UVM sailing team has recently achieved national recognition after being on the cusp all of last year and is still looking toward the future.

"[Winning] is all a team effort," said Solsvig. "We are out there to have fun."



## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## Golf in the land of poutine and Molson

I let a little golf tournament slip through my radar and now I feel like an idiot.

All summer, every summer, it's about golf, golf, golf — for work and for fun.

Until college and newspapers took over my life, if there was a big tournament going on (read: President's Cup, this weekend) you'd better believe it would be on the TV in front of me.

But to get back to my idiocy: this weekend's edition of the President's Cup, the seventh incarnation of this biannual international golf competition, is less than two hours from Burlington... and I'm not there.

Like I said, I feel like an idiot.

There is no acceptable excuse for my absence from this year's President's Cup at Royal Montreal.

I should have planned ahead.

Now, instead of watching the final round of what proved to be an American rout, stuffing myself full of poutine and enjoying Molson Dry, I'm left to cleaning my apartment, dreaming of what might have been.

It would have been something else to go cover the President's Cup. Not only do I feel like an idiot, but I'm kind of mad at myself too.

The only shred of consolation I have to save right now is the simple fact that at least I'm not missing the Ryder Cup in my backyard.

And this, it seems, is the larger issue.

The President's Cup will never be as big as the Ryder Cup.

The matches take place in alternating years, the only exception being the fall of 2001. The former has been around for less than 17 years, the latter for more than 70.

Beyond the history, though, what has happened lately?

Whew! The Americans come into the Ryder Cup every year as, on paper, the favorite to win.

Lately? The underdog Europeans manage to beat up on the Americans so bad that it's essentially over before dawn on Sunday.

Even in 1999, the last American Ryder Cup victory, the Americans had to overcome a sizable deficit on the last day to win. That dramatic victory at Brookline is the only American success in the last six matches.

On the flip side, since the President's Cup matches began in 1994 the U.S. has lost once to the International team — a team that includes PGA stars who aren't eligible for the European Ryder Cup squad.

The Ryder Cup is all about heart and pride. The President's Cup, not devoid of neither heart nor pride, is too mathematic — the teams consist of the top 10 Americans and the top 10 Internationals in the World Golf Rankings.

So why don't the Americans perform against the Europeans like they do against the Internationals?

Maybe it's just never their year.

## MEN'S RUGBY



(Austin Danforth/Vermont Cat) (Cats)



Left: Senior Dave Williams and junior John D'anna tackle a Middlebury College player in Saturday's 10-0 loss. Middlebury is the defending national champion in Division II.

Above: The Cats make an offensive run but never managed to score.





## This Week

**Tuesday, October 2 –  
Monday, October 8**

**Tuesday, October 2  
Women's Lacrosse**  
vs. Saint Michael's  
Moulton Winder Field, 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 3  
Field Hockey**  
vs. Dartmouth  
Moulton Winder Field, 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 4  
Women's Soccer**  
@ Dinghamton  
Vestal, N.Y., 7 p.m.

**Friday, October 5  
Swimming**  
@ Army w/Stony Brook  
West Point, N.Y., 6 p.m.

**Saturday, October 6  
Cross Country**  
@ New England Championships  
Boston, Mass., 12 p.m.

**Field Hockey**  
@ Albany  
Albany, NY, 1 p.m.

**Men's Soccer**  
vs. Albany  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
vs. Sacred Heart University  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

**Sunday, October 7  
Women's Soccer**  
vs. Stony Brook  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**  
vs. Acadia University  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
vs. Sacred Heart University  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 6:45 p.m.

## Next Week

**Tuesday, October 9 –  
Monday, October 15**

**Wednesday, October 10  
Men's Soccer**  
@ New Hampshire  
Durham, N.H., 3 p.m.

**Friday, October 12  
Cross Country**  
@ Saint Michael's Invitational  
Colchester, V.T., 3 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**  
@ Miami  
Oxford, Ohio, 7 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
vs. Union  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, October 13  
Women's Lacrosse**  
@ Cornell Tournament  
Ithaca, N.Y., TBA

**Swimming**  
@ UConn Invitational  
Storrs, Conn., 9 a.m.

**Women's Field Hockey**  
vs. New Hampshire  
Moulton Winder Field, 1 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
vs. Union  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4p.m.

**Men's Soccer**  
@ Stony Brook  
Stony Brook, N.Y., 7 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**  
@ Miami  
Oxford, Ohio 8 p.m.

**Sunday, October 14  
Women's Soccer**  
vs. New Hampshire  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

## Sailing on the shores of Champlain

**UVM's sailing team makes a splash on the national scene**

By JAKE AHRENS

Cynic Correspondent

In the modern era, sports and vehicles go under the same guidelines: bigger is better.

Every football team is looking for that monster of a man that can control the offensive or defensive line with his power and size. Every per-

son wants to add more horsepower to their engines.

Yet, for one of UVM's lesser-known sports, the emphasis is in speed, technique and precision.

In the recent national rankings, UVM's sailing team was ranked 19th in the country and one of only two club teams in the nation's top 20.

Carrying roughly 40 sailors, the team has dedicated hours of hard work to achieve the success they are now enjoying.

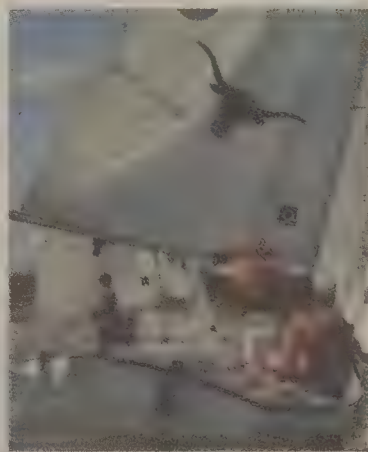
The team's accomplish-

ments arise from their consistency in excellence and a number of impressive victories already in this fall season.

"They worked hard over the summer and came in ready to perform," head coach Justin Assad said. "We are bringing in more good sailors every year, recruiting a lot of good freshmen."

The team competes in the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association, arguably

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(Tricia McGarry/UVM Sailing)

Sophomores Coco Solovic and Clinton Hayes earned runner-ups for NEISA Sailor of the Week Award.

## The Cats top Harvard



Junior Megan Maynard (22) runs to block Harvard's advances. Maynard recorded one goal and an assist in the non-conference win over Harvard. (Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

**Field hockey wins 3-1 over their Ivy League opponents**

By IBI TARIQ

Staff Writer

Vermont Field Hockey defeated Harvard 3-1 at Moulton Winder Field this Saturday, playing at home for the first time since Sept. 9.

Vermont improves to 8-4 (1-0 America East), while Harvard drops to 5-4 (2-0 Ivy League).

"We stepped up from the get-go," head coach Nicki Houghton said. "We were organized and worked really well together. This is a nice win for us against a good team."

Vermont took control 10 minutes into the game when sophomore Megan Maynard scored off a penalty corner,

redirecting a shot by junior Kim Striegler. The Cats added onto their lead just 1:28 later with junior Maegan Luce rebounding in a shot from senior Danielle Collins.

Play went back and forth for the rest of the half, with the Cats' controlling the tempo of the game. Goalie Kristen Heavens was solid in goal, recording multiple saves in quick succession to turn away a great Harvard chance later in the half.

The half concluded with consecutive penalty corners for UVM, which were both stopped by Harvard's defense.

The second half saw continued success and smart play by UVM.

Luce recorded her second goal of the game just two minutes into the second half, beating Harvard goalie Kylie Stone on a great shot from

the right side.

Vermont kept play controlled with smart possession and continuing to control the tempo of the game, but the Crimson would not go away.

Harvard's Francine Polet knocked in a shot past Heavens on a penalty corner at 10:53, off an assist by Devon Shapiro.

With the deficit down to two, the Crimson continued their rally, earning a penalty shot almost five minutes later. The shot went wide and the Cats held onto their lead for the remainder of the game.

"We played disciplined team defense and were very poised with our team build up," Houghton said. "That help to generate scoring opportunities today."

"We had great disciplined team defense too when we

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## No Rx for Grossman benching

**The state of Chicago Football today**

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

The Bears made the right choice when they benched embattled quarterback Rex Grossman for their game against Detroit.



No, I do not think Brian Griese is a savior of any kind. But do I think he can control the game and complete passes to the Bears' decent receiving corps? Yes, I do.

That is the key to Griese's success. If he can avoid turnovers and keep the defense off the field the Bears will have success.

But Griese is no sure thing.

He has bounced around the league due to inconsistency. Chicago is his fourth stop in the last five seasons.

The more important thing about this move is that the organization has finally moved on.

It's always hard when a first-round pick does not pan out. The organization has to make a tough call.

In this case, Bears general manager and the man who drafted the Florida product in 2003, Jerry Angelo has been trying to give Rex every chance to succeed but Chicago (the team and more importantly the city) can no longer wait.

It was the right move, to sit Grossman down.

All throughout last season, the Bears wholeheartedly supported their quarterback because they were winning.

Through the ups and downs of Good Rex/Bad Rex, coach Lovie Smith stayed with his man.

"Rex is our quarterback," Smith said last season. "There's a difference between perception and reality, and the reality is,

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## GUSTER'S GREEN GALA



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Guster headlined at the Patrick Gym Saturday, Oct. 6, to promote environmental awareness and raise money for the Michelle's Earth fund. Brett Dennen opened the SA Concerts show.

## SGA considers Red Cross resolution

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK

Assistant News Editor

In coming weeks, the Student Government Association will debate and vote on legislation that would forbid the American Red Cross from hosting blood drives on-campus.

The resolution is a reaction to a long-time Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policy that prohibits men who have had sex with other men at any time since 1977 from donating blood.

According to ARC-Burlington spokesperson Chris Frenette, ARC is required to abide by the FDA rule. ARC released a statement last year urging the FDA to modify the deferral policy, calling it "unwarranted."

A document on the FDA's Web site said that sexually active gay men are at an increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B and other infections that can be transmitted by transfusion.

The SGA resolution, written by sophomore senator John Colin Quinn, states that the ARC deferral policy is "in direct violation of University policy," and that "SGA does not support discrimination based on sexual orientation."

"The policy is outdated because of new technology, because of its wording, it is outdated in so many ways," Quinn said.

In preparation for a vote tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, SGA will host a panel including ARC representatives, UVM administrators, HIV specialists and community members, Quinn said.

Quinn also released a petition Friday in hopes of gathering 1,600 signatures from UVM students that support the legislation.

"I believe it is incredibly worthwhile to raise awareness about a discriminatory federal policy through senate debate and I commend Senator Quinn for bringing it forward," SGA President Kesha Ram said.

"That said, the legislation wrongly places blame and assigns undue punishment. The American Red Cross provides vital and irreplaceable services to the citizens of Vermont and has vocalized its opposition to the federal insofar as it has the power to do so," Ram continued.

Whether the resolution will garner enough support from

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## Kristof: China will shape our generation

By E. AUSTIN DANFORTH III

Editor-in-Chief

For the 32nd George D. Aiken Lecture "The Promise and Price of Modernization in China," held on Oct. 1 in Ira Allen Chapel, the University welcomed two-time Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and *New York Times* columnist Nicholas D. Kristof as the keynote speaker.

Kristof's first Pulitzer came as a reporter for the *Times*, when Kristof covered the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989 with his wife, Sheryl Wu-Dunn.

He earned his second Pulitzer in 2006 for his coverage of the Darfur conflict as a columnist.

The lecture series, which began in 1975, is named for the former Governor of Vermont and U.S. Senator George D. Aiken and supported by an endowment from Aiken and his wife.

As part of his visit, Kristof sought out and met with leaders of UVM's STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) chapter prior to the lecture and commended them for their activism as part of his preface to his lecture.

In introducing the keynote speaker, UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel cited Kristof's

early opposition to the Iraq war, his advocacy against sex trafficking in Asia and his fluency in Arabic and Chinese, in addition to his prize-winning commentary on Darfur.

Praised by Eleanor Miller, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, for his fair analyses that focus on systemic solutions, Kristof asked the assembled crowd to "take my judgments as one person's judgments."

Speaking about the recent, significant growth of China — a country that, according to Fogel, is the most important and enigmatic engine of growth in the world today — Kristof asked several questions about the modernization of China, answering each in turn.

According to Kristof, the single biggest thing happening in the world today is the rise of China; the current generation will be shaped by China as their parents' and grandparents' generations were shaped by Europe.

Kristof considered the rise of China to be "a real destabilizing force in the international community."

However, Kristof was quick to note that China's rise is a "good thing" but is one that cannot continue on its current trajectory.

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(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Journalist Nicholas Kristof speaks to the assembled crowd during the 32nd annual George D. Aiken Lecture on Oct. 1 in the Ira Allen Chapel.

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# Sororities to sponsor event raising awareness for rape

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY  
Senior Staff Writer

While suicide rates at UVM may not be ranked highest in the country, when Andrea Cooper asked a room packed with teary eyed UVM students if they knew someone who had attempted or committed suicide, 99 percent of students said yes.

Andrea Cooper, the mother of a rape victim who committed suicide, attended UVM last Monday to discuss her daughter's depression and suicide. The event was sponsored by UVM Greek Life.

The presentation explained how depression affects college students. Her daughter, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, was raped the

summer prior to her sophomore by a work acquaintance after visiting his apartment to watch a movie, Cooper said.

Shortly after the rape, Kristin Cooper told her boyfriend who she had been dating for a year that she had been raped. Just over a month later, he broke up with her. After living with severe depression for four months, Kristin returned home for Christmas break appearing happy, Cooper said.

"She was happy because she knew she was going to do it," Cooper said. She shot herself on New Year's Day. Andrea Cooper and her husband Mike came home to the radio loudly playing "You Outta Know" by Alanis Moresette to find their daughter lying dead on the floor.

Cooper believed she had

shot herself because her boyfriend broke up with her. She later found out from her journal that she had been raped.

Kristin Cooper vividly described her rape in this journal. On Monday, Andrea shared a poem from memory that Kristin had wrote describing her rape. "It's finally over and now blackness has come over me," wrote Kristin.

Cooper discussed the problem of depression among young people ages 18-24. Cooper said suicide is the second leading killer of college students.

The FBI estimates that one third of women will be raped in their lifetime.

In Vermont, between June 2005 and July 2006, the Women's Rape Crisis Center assisted 602 survivors of sex-

ual violence; according to the Women's Rape Crisis Center Web site.

Kim Montéaux, the advisor of Greek Life said she was extremely pleased with the large turnout and the incredible number of males that attended the presentation.

"It was refreshing to have an event educating us on sexual assault where men were not lectured and put in a bad light for events such as rape," said Weston Labar, the president of Kappa Sigma. "It was nice that the 80 or 90 percent of men who are out there trying to prevent those events and help women everywhere were also acknowledged."

Over 500 hundred students attended the event which was sponsored by both Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Delta Delta.

"We were so pleased that the Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Delta Delta Foundations gifted us with this grant so that Andrea Cooper could speak on our campus. She is truly an inspiration to all of us as an individual who has turned a terrible loss into an amazing gift of a presentation," Maddi Ankuda, the president of Alpha Chi Omega said.

"The #1 thing I want people to take away is to please go to counseling for any problem, whether it be for sexual assault, depression, abuse, stress, anything. I firmly believe Kristin would be alive today if she had gone for counseling," Cooper said.

# Moose killed after invading yard, meat goes to charity

**Fish and Wildlife not properly equipped to take down the moose with narcotics, resorted to buckshot**

By JULIA DROST  
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, on the morning of September 25th, a large moose entered the residential neighborhood of Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. Bystanders and residents, including a few UVM students, were able to enjoy watching the moose for a few hours that morning before the Department of Fish and Wildlife and police personnel arrived on the scene.

"The moose was just kind of standing in the back of our neighbor's yard, breathing in and out pretty heavily, but mostly standing in one spot before wandering around a little bit," said resident and UVM senior Anne Coleman.

Coleman said, "The entire morning the moose didn't really react to people at all; it didn't seem interested. It was the most interested in sleeping and eating; it seemed pretty docile and very calm."

As time progressed from when the moose first entered the neighborhood, the peaceful scene of observing the moose changed drastically.

"It was 10:30 a.m. when I got home and the house was roped off with police yellow tape and the press was on the street. There were three cop cars in the driveway, with around eight cops and a biologist.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife was standing there with shotguns, probably within 12 feet of it [the moose] and it was just standing there," said resident and UVM senior Stephanie Miller.

Miller, an Animal Science major at UVM and a veterinary technician said that "the moose showed no signs of being agitated or aggressive at all."

Fellow resident and UVM senior Natalia Parichini added that, "if the moose did get agitated, it probably had something to do with the fact that Fish and Wildlife were surrounding it with guns."

"They [Fish and Wildlife] were within 12 feet of it [the moose], whereas in the early morning, nobody had been within 30 feet of it. So if it was

agitated, it was because of that," said Miller.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant Robert Lutz had a different perspective on the incident. After arriving on the scene later in the morning, Lutz and fellow officers observed the moose and took into consideration lots of different factors about the animal, the environment, and the safety of the residential neighborhood.

"We made the decision to put the moose down. We did that after weighing out options, and our options were tranquilizing the moose using immobilization drugs, which are very ineffective," said Lutz.

Lutz said that Fish and Wildlife was not equipped with the proper amount of narcotics to tranquilize the animal safely. The most common drug used to tranquilize large animals has a lag time from the point when the injection occurs to when the animal is actually immobilized, according to Lutz.

Lutz added that this lag time and the uncertainty of the moose's agitated state was what contributed to the decision to put the moose down

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**-Robert Lutz  
Lieutenant, Vermont Fish  
and Wildlife**

instead of trying to tranquilize it.

Lutz said that the moose was shot in the head using a Double Zero Buckshot, which is nine pellets in one round. After the animal was put down, it was moved to another area where it was butchered and the meat distributed to charities, according to Lutz.

The main concern for Fish and Wildlife was public safety. Lutz said, "Despite the criticism from the public, we will stand by our decision because nobody was injured that day and that was our goal. [There have been] several instances where people were injured in situation very much like this. Knowing that information, we can't allow the public to be at risk like that."

There were several per-



(Anne Coleman/Vermont Cynic)

The moose in a Burlington backyard on Mansfield Ave. before Fish and Wildlife eliminated it.

spectives on the incident. Resident Glen Cousins believed that Fish and Wildlife "came unprepared, they didn't want to do any work and so they wanted the easy solution."

Miller is upset with how the whole situation was handled and at the press' response to it. "The public should know that the moose didn't die right away and that they [Fish and Wildlife] did not come prepared with enough drugs."

"I would rather it die of a sedation drug. A nine pellet buckshot does not kill an animal. A buckshot would have hit the brain in nine separate places but not ever really penetrate it, which is why he didn't die for two minutes," said Miller.

Lutz concedes that it was a highly emotional situation where fast decisions needed to be made.

"Looking back on it, I wish that there was time and a safe, orderly way to explain to people that we have only so many options. But we are not afforded that luxury and things have to happen quickly in some cases. It causes heart burn with the public and I understand that. I wish we could do it differently and with all my heart I wish we could do it differently but I will stand by what we did forever," said Lutz.

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# Burlington, UVM sign \$1.1 million agreement

**UVM, city officials say deal will provide adequate, long-term emergency services**

By JULIA DROST  
Staff Writer

Last week an agreement was reached between the University and the City of Burlington that will increase the annual fee for services that the University pays to the city. According to the *Burlington Free Press*, in the fiscal year 2007, UVM's payment for services to the city was around \$288,000. Under the new plan, this amount will increase to around \$1.1 million for fire and other respective services.

The new agreement is a five year program and this means that the University is on a payment schedule in which the yearly amount of \$1.1 million will be paid in full by year three of the new deal.

According to University Communications, "The University would make phased-in payments to the city over the first three years, which, respectively, represent 50 percent, 75 percent and 100 percent of the agreed-upon yearly payment."

The agreement was warmly embraced by the University, which values the relationship it has with the city.

"I think overall you can say that the University has an enormous interest in seeing Burlington thrive and be successful as a city. Burlington is an asset for UVM and that is a reciprocal benefit because Burlington only thrives if

UVM is successful," President Daniel Fogel said.

The agreement was also strongly supported by the City of Burlington.

"I really do think it's a partnership between the city and the University and this kind of funding is what can help Burlington be a sustainable city and in order to provide the kind of quality services that we need to provide, that willingness to bear some of those costs together make the difference," Mayor Bob Kiss said.

The main services that UVM pays to receive from the city are for fire and other emergency services and therefore the bulk of the monies paid will be directly towards ensuring that the University has the emergency support it requires.

The fee also covers things such as the University's share in the hate crime information system, the police dispatch system that is shared between the city and UVM and other city services coming from the Department of Public works, according to University Communications.

"Our interest is in ensuring that we support the city in its sustainability and in particular, in sustaining a level of capacity to meet our needs in fire and emergency services. We are a very special entity with respect to emergency services as recent events show, such as chemical hazardous material incidents in Delahanty Hall and in Torrey Hall.

The fact that we have radioactive materials in labs all over the campus, as well as hazardous chemicals, suggests that maintaining that capacity

is what we are really investing in," President Fogel said.

The new agreement has been in the works for quite some time. President Fogel recalls that in 2002 when he came to UVM, he signed a letter of intent with then-current Burlington Mayor Clavelle at the time. This letter said that the University intended to increase what was being paid to the city and it has done so since that time by paying \$150,000 a year in addition to what was being paid before 2002.

At the time, the city was not ready to sign an official agreement about fees because it wished to do a thorough analysis of fire services. This analysis was in "view of the special nature of the University and in view of the University's growth: the expansion of square footage on campus and increase enrollment," Fogel said.

The University has been waiting for Burlington to finish its analysis and for a time when official agreements can take place about how the fees will change.

"We have been waiting for that discussion to ripen, and in the last year it has been an extremely productive and collegial discussion which lead to the consensus between the city and the University on how to go through this analysis, what the methodology was, and what the methodology should be in future years when this five year agreement expires," Fogel said.

Now the agreement is in place and both sides are happy with the results of the mutual collaboration.

"This agreement is a plus in terms of Burlington and

UVM's future. I am glad we were able to come to agreement and I think that's really positive," Kiss said.

The \$1.1 million dollar deal is a five year plan that will be monitored closely by both sides and President Fogel anticipates that the agreement will be reviewed in year four of the plan and any necessary revisions for the future will be made.

Mayor Kiss explained further that it is a five year agreement but both sides have agreed to report back to each other at the end of each year about how the plan has worked.

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Mayor of Burlington

When asked about how the new agreement will affect students, faculty and staff, President Fogel did not foresee any negative effects, only the positive benefit of the University having adequate emergency services.

As far as the cost burden, this is easily put into perspective by analyzing the University's annual budget expenditures.

"You have to realize that when we increase what we are paying [to the city] by \$600,000-\$700,000, our annual

expenditures are \$507 million dollars this year. \$5 million is 1 percent of that figure, so \$500,000 is 1/10 of 1 percent. It is very significant for the city and significant for the University, but in terms of the overall budget, it is a fraction of a percentage point," Fogel said.

Fogel added, "students and faculty won't see it affecting them personally. It doesn't militate for any changes in the University strategic financial plan, with respect to either tuition or fees, or plans for salary and benefits for faculty and staff in future years."

Money is not the only way that the University has formed a strong relationship with the City of Burlington.

President Fogel noted the vast array of connections the University has with the city, ranging from joint programs around sustainability and planning, to student teachers in the public schools, to the availability of a huge health and wellbeing resource for the community and to the community relations focused upon in the Student Government Association.

"The overriding issue is that we feel that we are in an extremely good place between the University and the city. In other places around the country there are often troubled town-gown relations, but the relations between Burlington and the University...are extremely collegial, extremely constructive, mutually beneficially, and very positive in fostering the reciprocal benefits that flow to each entity from the quality of life in the city of Burlington and the academic excellence of UVM," Fogel said.

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# Career Services

## SGA looks forward with new chairs

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Assistant News Editor

Two new committee chairs were appointed last week in the wake of what some on SGA have said has been a rough start to the year for the 2007-2008 Student Government Association.

Two weeks ago, sophomore Senator John Colin Quinn was dismissed as chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) by a unanimous vote of its members, who said the committee lacked direction and unity under his leadership.

Shortly after, former senator and Chair of the Student Activities Committee (SAC) Liz Bearese resigned on grounds of drama, gossip and pretense among SGA members.

Senators Lydia Morin and Matt Goodman also resigned last week.

Senator Jesse Bragg replaced Quinn as chair of CODEEE. Senator Marissa Couzens replaced Liz Bearese as chair of SAC. Bragg and Couzens are both seniors.

"When I reflect on the events that have led the senate to where we are now, they provide nothing but strong learning opportunities for our

continued growth and a solid foundation for future success," SGA President Keshia Ram said.

"It was painful to see Chair Bearese resign, but I think her contempt for her fellow senators was premature. I have full faith that the issues she cited will be ironed out and I wish she was around to see that process through," Ram said.

Bragg said he and CODEEE would focus on students' concerns about green-space as the university continues to expand. He said the committee's goal is to monitor student concerns surrounding diversity, equity and environmental issues on campus and serve as a liaison between students and administrators.

Couzens, who has served on SGA for less than two months, said there would be little change in leadership of SAC. "Our overall vision is the same. We have great dynamics within the committee," she said.

"As long as senators do not take themselves too seriously and are able to channel their energies toward their work on behalf of the student body," Ram said, "this will prove to be a very rewarding and exciting term."



# UVM celebrates homecoming

By KATHERINE WARD

Cynic Correspondant

In spite of the rain the 10th annual UVM homecoming parade took place this weekend. This year, 13 organizations, from Student Council to Dairy Club, participated in the event hosted by the Offices of the Provost and the President.

While the rain kept many spectators at bay the parade continued and those that did come received free gifts. "I was impressed by the gifts - I got an Oaxaca tee and an 'I know what you did last summer' laundry bag," said Conor Mcardle, a sophomore.

None of the participants seemed to mind the weather and the atmosphere was generally cheery and excited.

"Rain was a downer but it was still fun. I'm surprised people still came out. It was fun to see other the other organizations that came out," sophomore Katherine Ash, who marched with the IRA float, said.

Junior Janet MacDonald,

and part of the DREAM float, agreed saying, "Although the weather was down the kids still had fun which was nice."

The theme of the parade this year was "Go Green!" Laurel Dreher, a first year graduate student working in the Department of Student Life, who organized the parade, said she was hoping the theme would "truly encourage our student leaders to challenge themselves to actively think of how they can reduce their environmental footprint."

Most groups seemed to take this message to heart. DREAM drove a bus powered by vegetable oil while the class councils used recycled materials, such as newspapers and bottles to construct their float.

The purpose of the parade, as expressed by Dreher, is to "give families, friends and members of the Burlington community the chance to see, firsthand, how involved UVM students are in campus organizations."

Participants seemed to



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WRUV members stand upon their float during Saturday's Homecoming parade.

agree with this purpose. For example Katherine Ash, a member of the IRA executive board, said, "we're trying to expand our involvement on campus and this was a fun activity."

"We wanted to let the alumni know about DREAM and make our presence known on campus," Janet MacDonald said.

The parade has raised awareness for some. Mary Rapp, mother of UVM sophomore Allison Rapp, said that the parade "looked like fun and it looks like there are a lot of cool clubs." She even expressed hopes that her daughter will join a club and be seen

riding on a float next year.

There was some disagreement over which float was the best. Junior Claire Bollinger liked the DREAM float best because "they were the most enthusiastic and the kids were cute."

"If I had to pick I would award the prize to the cows," claimed President Fogel. Although this year there was no actual prize Fogel hinted that next year may be different.

Fogel said the parade "adds creativity and fun to campus" and he would like to see more involvement. He thought that a 10,000-dollar cash prize might be a good incentive to get all the academic

units, resident complexes and student organizations to participate.

Conor Mcardle also had ideas about how to improve the parade. "I think that the UVM alumni association should encourage class years to create floats, the parade would really benefit from like a 'my class vs. your class' mentality; people competing for best float and participation, that would get people involved," he said.

Despite suggestions for improvement and the rain, many still enjoyed the parade. "This was my first homecoming event ever - and I'm a senior. It was really fun!" said Liz Batsford.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

### Bush vetos bill expanding health insurance for children

By FARZIN MOJTABAI

Cynic News Analyst

On Wednesday, October 3 President Bush vetoed a bill expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program following an overwhelming 67-29 U.S. Senate vote in favor of the bill.

The bill sought to expand health care coverage to an additional four million children.

The State Children's Health Initiative is a program enacted in order to provide Government-assisted health care to children who cannot afford to obtain health care from the private sector. As it currently stands the program offers six million children coverage nationally with a \$25 billion budget.

The President justified the veto claiming that the bill, which proposes to add 35 billion dollars over five years to the program instead of the five billion proposed by the President, would overburden the taxpayer and covers children who can afford to buy coverage in the private sector.

Controversy arose when leading Democrats such as Senators Hillary Clinton of New York and Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts accused the President of being hypocritical and stripping children of the coverage they deserve.

Leading Senate Democrats initiated a push for a veto override, requiring 67 votes to overturn the

President's decision, a feasible option considering the extent of bi partisan support attained by Democrats from Republican members of Congress.

With spending on the war in Iraq now topping \$500 billion and a recent request from the President for additional Congressional funding, critics argue the President's veto reflects ulterior motives to im-

pose his foreign policy agenda on the country at the expense of America's children.

Disagreement over the bill emerges over whether it really covers children who could otherwise not afford private health care. The overarching objective of the program is covering children whose parents earn too much for Medicaid qualification but not enough to buy coverage at the private level. The program as it currently stands, restricts eligibility to families earning up to \$52,000 a year.

The proposed increase could potentially cover families earning \$83,000 a year, creating an overlap whereby some children who might be able to afford private coverage would get federal aid.

This President utilized this precedent to argue that his fourth ever Presidential veto was essential to eliminate the bill from being a stepping-stone to socialist universal health care system.

Democrats countered by arguing this is another step towards ensuring coverage for all who are excluded by the pricey health care costs subsisting in the private sector and not a step towards socialism.

The magnitude of the bill can not be overlooked, as a possible override is in the works for Oct. 18 as voted by Congress. This could not only signal a change in direction in health care policy, but also make a firm statement to the president about his spending priorities.

With high profile Republicans like Senator Chuck Nagel of Nebraska and others voting against the president on this issue, an override could be the momentum needed for Democrats in Congress to curb record spending from President Bush in the war and national defense, shifting the spending agenda in a new direction.

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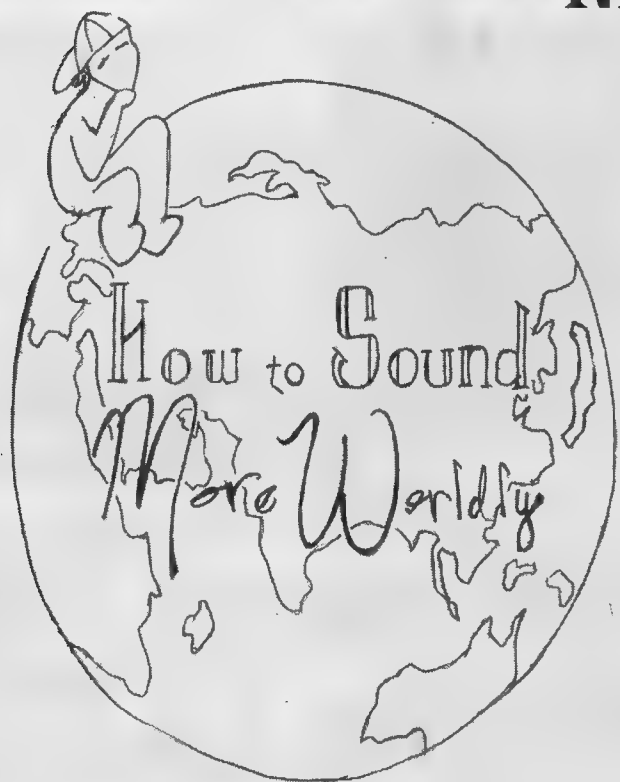
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# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## Olympic champion admits steroid use transfer killings

Track star Marion Jones pleaded guilty to accusations of steroid use last Friday. Jones, who has won three Olympic gold medals and two silver, faces a maximum of six months in jail.

## Paintballer crusades against industry after wife's death

Mark Contois of California has sued and publicized his case against the manufacturers of paintball equipment. Mr. Contois sued after a pressurized canister launched off of a gun and struck his wife in the head, killing her. He won the \$8 million case and has campaigned for paintball safety awareness.

## Escargots in the White House?

Last week's republican primary event in Florida featured famous French singer Edith Piaf's "La Vie en Rose" as introduction music. Despite the Republican Party's apparent Francophobia, Giuliani has expressed admiration and hopes for cooperation with France's newly elected president.

## Army employs anthropologists in Middle East

The U.S. Army has enlisted social anthropologists in a new program called Human Terrain Team. The program, run by the Pentagon, aims to understand the nuances of tribal relations in Afghanistan. This new humanist analysis of combat has produced concrete results, according to military officers.

## Jailed federal prosecutor kills self

Prosecutor J.D. Atchison, who was arrested last month in a child sex sting, killed himself in jail Saturday. Mr. Atchison was apprehended in Detroit with the intention of having sexual relations with a 5-year old girl. He had been chatting online with undercover detectives for the two weeks leading up to his arrest.

## Appendix found to be useful

Duke University Medical School scientists have discovered the function of the appendix, a human organ that had been previously regarded as superfluous. The researchers found that the organ produces and protects good germs for the digestive system.

## Microsoft redevelops iPod competitor

Last Tuesday Microsoft announced the release of their revamped Zune media player, meant to compete with Apple's iPod. Microsoft hopes that the slimmed-down Zune will sell better than the previous models, which did poorly for the company.

## Philadelphia man charged in armored van killings

Mustafa Ali, 36, of Philadelphia, was charged Saturday with last Thursday's killing of two armored van guards while loading an ATM. Mr. Ali's murders of the policemen turned guards were caught on the bank's cameras, leading to his arrest.

## Spanish media speculate Ronaldinho

Spanish newspapers report of a falling out between soccer superstar Ronaldinho and his current club, Barcelona. The media suggest that Ronaldinho may be bought by English superclub Chelsea at the end of this season for the hefty fee of \$150 million.

## Hamburger manufacturer closes after beef recall

Topps Meat Company, one of the nation's leading hamburger manufacturers has closed its doors due to a recall of over 21 million lbs of beef. The Elizabeth, NJ based company may have been responsible for over 30 cases of illness in eight states.

## Typhoon slams Taiwan

This Saturday, Typhoon Krosa battered Taiwan, resulting in massive power outages and flight cancellations. Mainland China is bracing for the category 4 storm that is expected to make landfall this week.

## Atlantic City mayor missing

Early last week, Atlantic City, NJ mayor Robert Levy, 64, sent a one-sentence memo to his staff saying that he would be out due to medical issues, and has not returned to his office since. This disappearance comes as NJ state attorney is investigating Levy's potential falsification of military records to increase his pension.

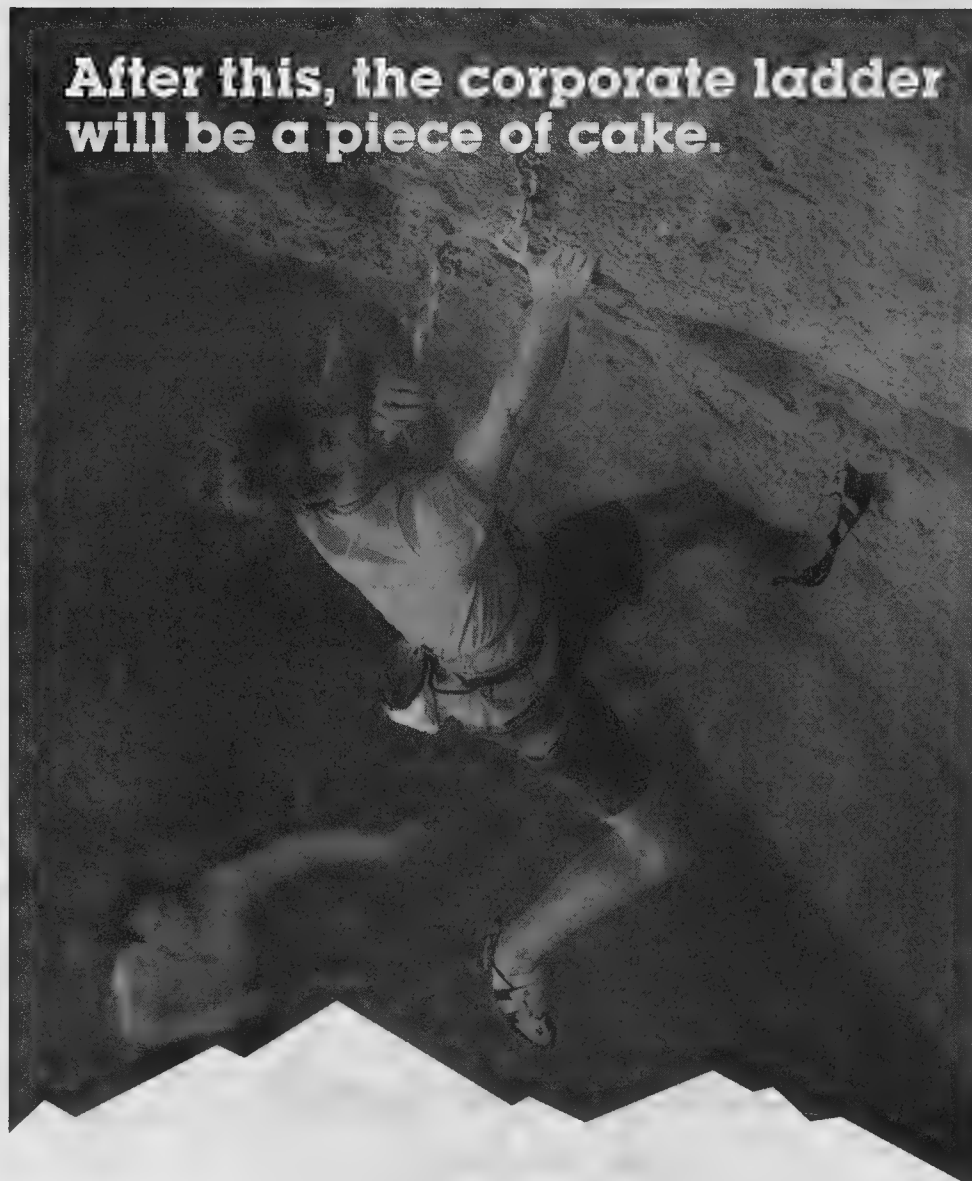
## ASU experiences dizzying growth rate

Arizona State University's 64,000 students are not enough for that university's administration. The university hopes to become the nation's largest and projects a student population of 90,000 by 2020.

## Oops I did it again

Pop singer Britney Spears is once again in court, this time battling for custody of her two sons. The boys, sired by ex-husband Kevin Federline, have been in joint custody since their divorce last year. Mr. Federline will take full custody this week.

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# Mid-East panel convenes to discuss Iraq, other issues

By COLIN FLOOD

Cynic Correspondant

Over the weekend of October 6-7, the Vermont Peace Academy and the Vermont Council on World Affairs sponsored a panel discussion at Norwich University entitled "New Partnerships for Understanding in the Middle East."

The discussion aimed to establish grassroots connections between Americans and Middle Easterners through such partnerships as UVM and the American University of Iraq.

The panel was entitled "Toward a New Middle East Dialogue: Building Grassroots Partnerships," the panel focused mainly on the causes of anti-Americanism and the Arab world and how media and economics played into it.

The panelists were Gregory Gause; a UVM Associate Professor of Political Science; David Marash, an American journalist who had co-anchored NBC's Nightline and now is anchoring for Al-Jazeera English; and David Hamod, President and CEO of the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

Gause spoke first, on the subject of anti-Americanism in the Arab world.

He suggested it had spiked due more to American policy, rather than any antipathy to American values like democracy.

Gause spoke about the "Islamization" of the Palestinian issue, wherein Palestine-related concern was moving beyond the Arab world into other Muslim countries like Nigeria and Indonesia.

He concluded by saying that while efforts at grassroots connection to the Middle East were "laudable," he did not think it would do much to change the political situation. "Policy isn't that easy to change, even if it should be."

Dave Marash spoke about how increased information access in general and Al-Jazeera in particular were shaping geopolitics by giving people what he called an "existential self-imperative," the need to assert their identities in a world they suddenly had access to through increased information flow.

He cited people in the Balkans, who when asked what they wanted after the war said they wanted "a normal life" democracy, security, education, etc.

"These people were citing a normality that they'd never known," Marash said.

"America has been spun to hate Al-Jazeera as 'Terror TV' and the voice of bin Laden," Marash said, "but it is actually an exercise in Jeffersonian democracy... the more viewpoints in the world you're familiar with, the more familiar you'll be with the world."

The third panelist, David Hamod focused on the economic side of U.S.-Mideast relations, declaring that from his standpoint at NUSACC "the business of business is business."

Hamod said that in a healthy economy in which everyone took part, people would

have more incentive to fight corruption and establish a rule of law.

"There are some who say we need democracy to do business with these people, and I say balderdash."

He accused the U.S. government of hurting its own economy with "jingoistic protectionism," saying that its restrictive post-9-11 visa policies were costing the U.S. economy \$5 billion a year. "From a businessman's perspective, [getting a visa] is too much trouble... I'll take my business to Asia instead."

During the question-and-

answer period, it was suggested that anti-Americanism rose not just from American policy but American military tactics. Marash addressed the subject, citing Abu Ghraib, the battle of Fallujah, and the "sacriligious" battle in Najaf's ancient cemetery, which he compared to "worse than Russian tanks blasting away in Arlington National Cemetery."

The effect of these tactics on Middle Eastern public opinion was also due to the information resolution - Iraqis were watching the battle of Fallujah on live TV.

## Black Student Union hosts Soul dinner

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO

Staff Writer

A sensitive fire alarm was not enough to ruin the Black Student Union's (BSU) Eighth Annual Soul Food Social Saturday night.

With an invitation encouraging the campus community to attend a gathering that, "...provides an opportunity for the soul to be enriched, the heart to be moved, and the stomach to be filled," the Soul Food Social was set to start at 6:30 p.m. in the Davis Center.

According to President of the BSU, senior Channel Hamilton, the event took loads of preparation, "...from getting a speaker to cooking the food ourselves." In their own dorms, members of BSU made the evening's main dishes, which included macaroni and cheese, baked ziti, green beans, broccoli and cheese, empanadas and barbeque chicken.

Around 7:15 p.m., as the line for these dishes length-

ened, the fire alarm suddenly sounded, and all guests were asked to evacuate. "I'm really bummed the fire alarm went off. I'll be really disappointed if SASS doesn't perform," said sophomore Mosa Collins. After three fire trucks arrived at the scene, the situation was under control in less than 20 minutes.

The Salsa and Swing Society (SASS), along with Urban Flava and poet Briana Martin were next performances of the night, and as the crowd shuffled back into the ballroom, the line for food began forming out into the hallway once again.

The Development and Alumni Relations supported the BSU through the Social, and members Sarah Sprayregan and George Rutherford greeted those entering the ballroom. BSU alumni members, like Wanda Heading-Grant were in attendance, as well.

"This is a kind-of unknown secret, but I was one of the first

secretaries of the Black Student Union, and these socials have been different every year. There used to be a lot of faculty and staff involvement, but over these past few years [the event] has been completely taken over by the students," Heading-Grant said.

Jem Hughes, sophomore and Vice President of the BSU said that the executive board was planning for a crowd of 300 people, but to her surprise, there were already 282 who had come to dine by 7:12 p.m.

"The thing about the Soul Food Social is that it is such a great event, it advertises itself," she said.

When all of the live performances came to an end, DJs turned on a playlist the BSU had devised, and several individuals rose out of their seats to hit the dance floor, including both Hamilton and Hughes.

"I think [attending the Social] is important because it's such a great event, and the food was off the chain," said senior Lillian Agyel.

## SGA

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SGA senators is still unclear.

Senior senator Jesse Bragg, chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Environmental Ethics said he is still waiting to make a decision. "I am worried that the trouble it takes to pass this is going to outweigh the benefits," he said.

Senior Senator Marissa Couzens, Chair of the Student Activities Committee said she is not sure how she will vote on the resolution. "The Red Cross does so much good that the thought of cutting ties with them is interesting," she said.

"It is an antiquated policy that needs to change with the times," sophomore Senator Jay Taylor, Chair of the Student Action Committee said.

Quinn pointed out the potential difficulty of staking a clear position on the issue. "If you stand up against the Red

Cross, you can be thought of as killing people by not letting people donate blood. If you take a stand against it you look like a bigot," he said.

The ARC resolution is non-binding, as is all SGA legislation. "I have very little confidence that I would be able to execute the wishes of the senate should this legislation pass," President Ram said.

Quinn said he has received some support for his resolution from students at universities around the country. "It seems like there is a whole network of schools that are watching and waiting for some big school to finally take a stand," he said.

Quinn said he hopes that passage of legislation by SGA would trigger action at other universities, adding more pressure to ARC to reconsider the lifetime deferral policy.

## KRISTOF

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Among the number of political, economic and environmental factors Kristof believes will limit Chinese growth he expressed the most optimism about the progress of political movements in the post-Tiananmen era. According to Kristof, there are now more than 80,000 protests in China each year.

"China is ready for democracy," Kristof said. "Protests

are routine now, in contrast with the 1980s and 1990s."

Kristof linked the situation in China - citing this growing political frustration and ineffective censorship - with progress overseas, notably Darfur.

"We shouldn't beat up on China over trade, but should and will be beating up on China over its stance on international issues."

### Correction for 10-2

- The B-Side page 3, Brett Dennen was said to be the opening act for Ben Harper, he opened for Guster.

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## Disturbing quote of the week:

**"If anything happens to me... make sure it gets investigated."**

-Ciara Durkin, speaking to family members shortly before her death in Iraq under suspicious circumstances.

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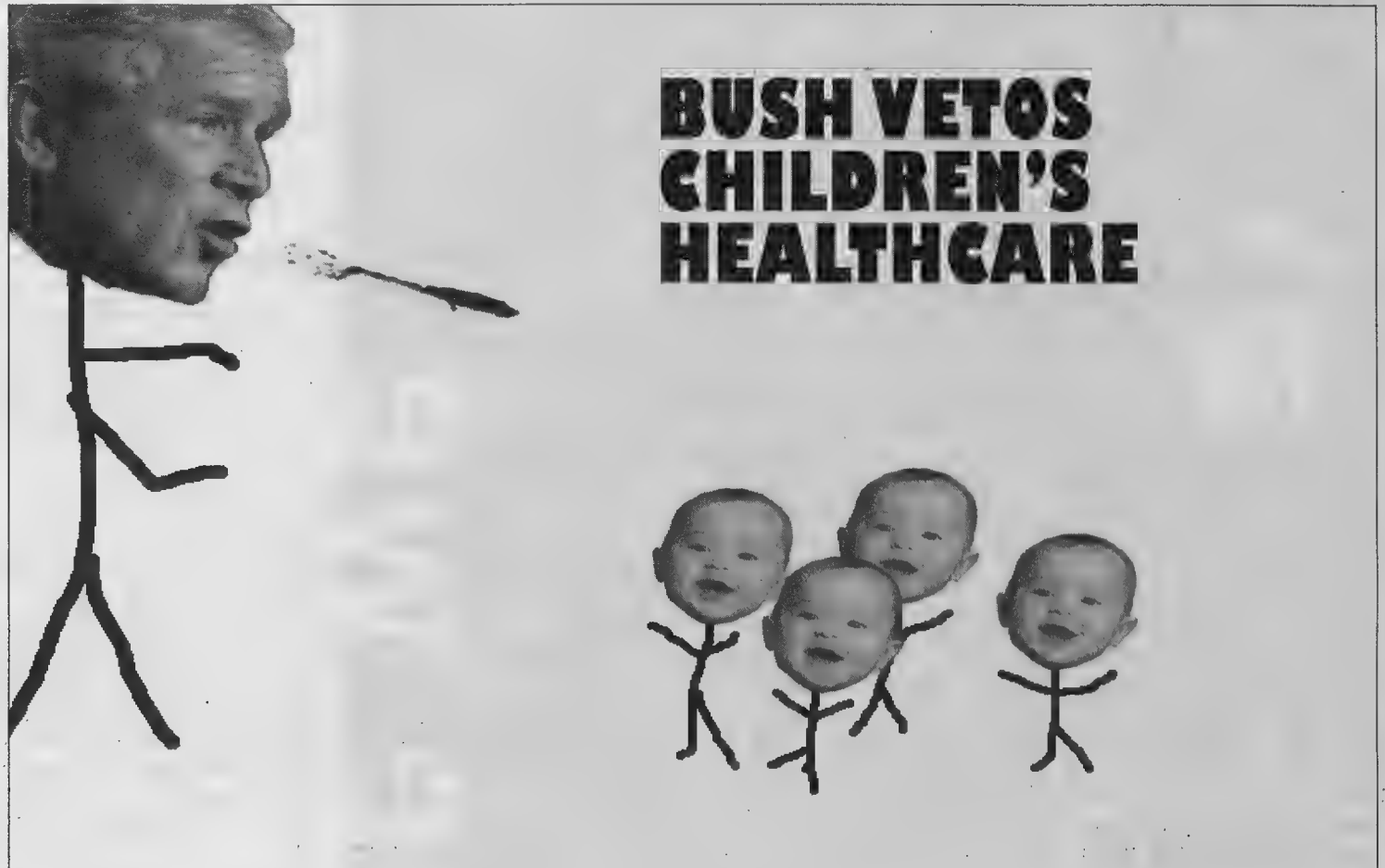
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# Burlington Police, right your wrong

Dear City of Burlington,

We understand your concerns.

We know that we are young, we're bold, we're loud — well, we can be loud, anyway.

We know that you don't keep the same hours.

We know you don't find many of our shenanigans even mildly amusing, especially during the latter hours of night and the wee hours of the morning.

We get it.

We know your worries, so we're trying to improve and you're holding us to it. There are levels of social acceptability that we, especially between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., tend to neglect. This doesn't help you sleep at night. We understand. We don't want to impose too much upon our fellow Burlington residents.

We know our University is working with the city to make things better across the board — the University will be pulling more of its financial weight within the community and the University's police force has been working with yours to keep the streets safer and more respectable.

We know that there are laws and that they need to be kept up for the community as a whole.

We get it.

What we don't get, though, is how these laws — specifically the noise ordinance — are enforced. The case in point is the noise violation given to the Delta Delta Delta sorority on the night of Oct. 5.

The city police cited the sorority for a social noise violation. The reason: a 24-hour fundraiser to benefit Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, a camp for children suffering from cancer.

The fundraiser had consisted of about a dozen sorority sisters outside of the Tri-Delta house. Two were on a see-saw, several were holding plastic baskets in which they could collect donations, some were cooking hot dogs and others were there to get the attention of passersby.

There was sheet hanging out of a window, serving as a makeshift sign. It clearly stated the purpose of the philanthropy event — an event that is recognized by neighbors and community members as an event held every homecoming weekend.

There was no alcohol. All of the Tri-Delta participants were sober. The music, supplied by an iPod attached to two computer speakers, could be drowned out by traffic noise from the busy intersection (the house is located at the corner of Main Street and South Willard Street).

We all must admit, in this case, the law was applied bluntly, inappropriately and without a shred of compassion.

Sadly, instead of lauding the success of a fundraiser to benefit KIDS WITH CANCER (the sorority raised several hundred dollars at last count), we are now faced with an ugly instance of law enforcement.

Was a wrong committed? We don't think so. What should be done? We think that the city, rather than collect the money from the sorority for their violation, should drop the case and do the opposite: donate the few hundred dollars to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta and do some real good in the community.

Sincerely,  
The Cynic

# Mr. Bush, we are ashamed

Dear Mr. Bush,

We are sick and tired of having to talk about you, but you leave us no choice.

There seems to be no end to your constant string of failures, betrayals, misrepresentations and lies, and what may fairly be called atrocities; acts which are, in no uncertain terms evil.

Even if we have to rant week after week, even if people tire of hearing about the bad things you have done and stop paying attention to what we have to say, we simply cannot ignore the things you have done and continue to do.

Each new week seems to bring to light information which inspires in us a very deep, powerful anger. We would be happy to ignore some of your faults if they weren't so despicable. But, well, they are. All of them.

In the past month alone we've discovered that your justice department has allowed torture and that you've pressured various news agencies into not speaking out against you. And we watched you veto an expansion of children's health coverage, for which you, in a head-spinning argument, cited "fiscal responsibility."

How dare you do this, Mr. President?

Secret prisons are not okay, torture is not okay, lying to and deceiving your countrymen is not okay, starting wars is not okay, but you act as if you were blissfully unaware of these things.

And there is something very telling in the manner in which people criticize you. Hands are thrown into the air, expletives are shouted, and blood boils. Some papers have chosen to simply express an emotion: "F-

-- Bush!"

We no longer merely disapprove of you, but are moved towards disgust.

Because of you the world has endured the following: a war in Iraq, a war in Afghanistan, torture at Abu Ghraib, torture at Guantanamo Bay, torture at secret prisons in Europe, warrant-less domestic wiretapping, the suspension of habeas corpus under the Military Commissions Act, no-bid contracts for Halliburton, growing tensions with Iran, spiraling debt and now the crippling of a positive health coverage program for kids.

You have failed your country. We are shameful of your legacy.

Sincerely,  
The Cynic





(Virginia Stroup/Vermont Cynic)

One year later, UVM holds tight to the memories of our beloved friend and her strive towards a better place for all creatures, but in the back of minds campus-wide there is still weariness. The University and its students have come together to answer the question ...

# are we safe?

by Connor Boals  
*Features Editor*



In a healthy, collegiate environment, students should feel safe to live their lives in quiet peace and complacency. But what happens when that calm is broken? The events of the past year rocked the University and as a result the University has come together from all reaches to heal and initiate new efforts in improving student safety.

In response to whether or not UVM is safe, "Yes, I say it all the time. That's the thing I tell parents during orientation," says Stacey Miller, Director of Residential Life.

Things have changed, however. Miller noted a change in sentiment this year while presenting to parents of incoming students.

"I typically do the parent's orientation session and in the past the things I would talk about were just very general," she said. "ResLife and housing, how do you get a room and this is what it's like to live on-campus and this year, very intentionally, I set aside time to talk about safety on-campus. And that as parents, [they] need to have conversations with their students before they come to campus about their safety and security, but I preface that whole piece with saying, 'look, this one of the most safe places to be in the country.'"

President Dan Fogel shares Miller's feelings about the safe atmosphere. "That kind of thing happens rarely in the city of Burlington. It did happen off-campus. There was another murder the year before Michelle's murder - Laura Winterbottom - a Burlington resident, not a student. But it's extremely rare here.

"When you're in a city like New York or Philadelphia you see half a dozen homicides a week. For a city like this, it's a huge outlier when there's one," he said.

Fogel is confident in UVM's preparedness, "In many ways we feel that UVM is extremely well prepared to address safety issues. We have a fully accredited law enforcement agency which is actually quite rare in universities," he said.

"We regularly rehearse emergency response including the kind of emergency presented by Michelle's abduction - using the federal incident command system. We have therefore an extremely solid and well-practiced emergency response infrastructure with a great deal of planning and training."

### New Changes

But still it never hurts to be prepared. In the aftermath of Michelle's tragedy, UVM brought in consultants from the University of Florida - Gainesville, who had experienced five student murders in the early '90s on their campus, to host a safety summit for discussion in the aftermath of the events surrounding Michelle's abduction and death.

"A lot of what came out of the safety

*"The university cherishes all of its students and we do mourn Michelle. We want positives to be her legacy, not only the positives around her advocacy for the environment but also the positives of having students understand that while Burlington is a very safe place, it's important to take good care of oneself and each other."*

-President Daniel Fogel

summit and some of these other things were really how important it is for coordination to be occurring not only at the time of an incident, but kind of as things unfold, like sometimes a tragedy isn't a one day or one [time] event, it has ripple effects across the campus," said Annie Stevens, Assistant Vice President for Student & Campus Life.

"We didn't start working on these issues because of her murder," said LuAnn Rolley, Director of the Women's Center at UVM. "We are not looking more closely, but instead examining how we can strengthen them."

One such strengthening effort came this fall in the formation of the President's

Commission on Social Change, an administration-wide collaborative safety effort focused on gender and sexual violence, alcohol and drug abuse, and bias incidents.

According to Stevens, who heads the commission, it consists of three subcommittees each focused on their individual "social challenge."

Rolley heads the gender violence and sexual assault committee, while Kim Martin-Anderson and Amy Boyd lead the alcohol and drug abuse effort and Dot Brauer directs the effort against bias incidents.

"[The commission is] bringing together key members of the institution to really look at the thread that runs similar among those three topics and how we work together to be more preventative and put together good policies, programs, and services that really serve to educate the campus and keep the campus safe as possible," Stevens said.

"We continue to upgrade campus lighting which is a key safety issue and its now 80 percent lit to a new standard," Fogel said. "We've installed more blue lights bringing the total to 100 and we've upgraded the content and design of the emergency information Web page."

A further element of safety is the new rapid emergency notification system that is being unveiled over the next month.

"There will be a web-based utility that people can register their e-mail, their cell phones, their land phones and we will be able to instantaneously send emergency notifications to every registered phone and e-mail address," Fogel said.

"We will not only be urging students to register their cell phones and land lines by going to the Web site," Fogel said. "But we actually will be writing to the parents of all of our enrolled students to urge their students to complete that registration," he said.

### Student Responsibility

Stevens is highly complimentary about students' feelings toward Michelle and the issue of safety.

"I feel like the students this year, particularly SGA have really come together to want to acknowledge Michelle and her legacy and get involved in some of the events that are happening in her memory and really take it on as part of their mission around safety," she said.

"In the SGA, there are three committees working on safety issues and I have designated a special adviser on student safety," SGA president Kesha Ram said. "Much of this increase in attention to student safety was initiated after Michelle's death because we made a commitment to do our best to protect ourselves and our peers from such tragic and senseless loss.

"Student Action is tackling campus safety infrastructure projects such as blue lights, residence hall security and path lighting. Our Committee on Legislative Affairs is continuing to support and expand student safety measures in the downtown corridors and off-campus student neighborhoods. The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics is grappling with bias incidents and gender violence. Student Safety Adviser Christina Wehry is upholding the continuity and effectiveness of these initiatives by ensuring that we are supporting and supported by the University administration," she said.

However, with all of the policy, there is always the danger of the message not hitting home. Stacey Miller worries that the generational disconnect may get in the way of effectively spreading awareness.

"I think adults have a tendencies to talk to young adults like 'well, just do this, just do this, and just do this' and we don't really explain why and I think we were really intentional and good about saying 'this is why, these are the ramifications or these are the consequences of this type of behavior or these types of things'." She said.

Ram echoes the call for student responsibility, saying, "As we move forward on safety initiatives, much of what we, as

a society, feel comfortable focusing on is structural - police presence, lighting, safety mechanisms - and we have made great strides in this regard.

"However, we have just begun to take a hard look at the cultural and behavioral aspects of the UVM and Burlington community," she said. "No woman should be afraid to walk alone at night nor should she be blamed for doing so. Rather, we must pick apart this culture of fear and male aggression before it gets out of hand in our neighborhoods and residence halls."

### What Hasn't Changed?

One of the greatest challenges posed in the aftermath of Michelle's death was the obvious association between her tragedy and the perils of victimization on college campuses.

"She's not a good poster child, anyway," Fogel said, "because the most frequent crimes of violence against our students are crimes that are quite different from Michelle's abduction off-campus, by a stranger.

"There's much more than we like of relationship violence, date rape and in almost all of those cases whether on-campus or off-campus, the victim knows the assailant. So it's a very different kind of crime," he said.

Rolley supported Fogel's claims, citing an unsettling rise in clients working with UVM's victim's advocate.

"Between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, our victim's advocate saw 95 new clients for sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking - 45 percent of those people were first-year students.

"There is still a lot of victim blaming," Rolley said. "If a woman is walking up Main street at 1 o'clock in the morning, for whatever reason, be it she is coming home from work or a party, if she is abducted and raped, what hasn't changed is people will ask 'well why was she in that situation?'"

Rolley asserts that society should not focus its questioning around the victim, but instead turn its attention to the perpetrator. "Committees are in place, the security measures are there but the fear is still there."

### Where do we go from here?

"It makes sense that women's centers work on these issues, but I think everyone has a responsibility to this," Rolley said. "We give people tools for reducing their risk. I would love to see more men become involved with this work."

"We can't just be like, 'put up more lights,' its more like, 'take care of your friends.' Its the idea that when we've got people looking out for each other, that's the best thing that we can do to protect the whole community," SGA senator Jay Taylor said. "Ultimately we're all in this together, it's all about students looking out for students."

"The University cherishes all of its students and we do mourn Michelle. We want positives to be her legacy, not only the positives around her advocacy for the environment but also the positives of having students understand that while Burlington is a very safe place, it's important to take good care of oneself and each other," Fogel said.

"As much as we'd like to live in a utopian place where we never have to be looking out for ourselves - we need to look out for ourselves and I would like it very much to have a place where my wife, my daughter, my female colleagues in the faculty and staff and our women students could walk with impunity at night by themselves," Fogel said.

"We hope people have learned that its not a great idea and that they should go about with friends. So we want those lessons absorbed and if those lessons are absorbed those will be positive," he said.

"We have got to continue to have a greater sense of responsibility for the community that we are in, meaning you can't be a bystander anymore," Stevens said.



JULIA MICHEL

## Addressing campus violence

A quick Google search reveals that in the past year, there have been 40 deaths and 57 injuries on American and Canadian college campuses, all due to gun violence.

The number of school shootings and press coverage has implanted disturbing thoughts and images in people at all levels of education, but specifically those on college campuses. And from the Virginia Tech massacre last spring to the Delaware State incident two weeks ago to the University of Memphis football player shot dead on Sunday, it seems like the numbers are on the rise.

Point being that UVM is as vulnerable and susceptible to violence as any other collegiate institution. We cannot simply rest on our laurels, assume "it's Vermont, it's safe here," and dismiss safety concerns from our conscious.

Separately, police services, RAs and the SGA have discovered and rectified a few key holes in campus security.

However, the key word in the above statement is security, and not safety. See, the physical locks, doors and emergency plans that constitute campus security can never guarantee campus safety.

Granted, correcting un-lockable doors or replacing broken windows are both actions well worth taking. In fact, UVM police provide 24/7 services and have come up with extensive lock-down plans should a threat become known on campus. But in order to achieve a truly safe campus, we must examine the root causes of college violence and not simply remedy superficial problems.

What about coming to college makes some people want to kill? What about the institution of higher education and living together compels certain students to take their anger out on others? Why are some students so angry in the first place? And are the institutions themselves completely helpless to prevent such violence? Because the fact remains that any person with enough resolve can pass through a locked door, infiltrate classrooms or residence halls and kill innocent students. It's scary to think about and the task ahead is daunting but if UVM is to remain a safe and secure campus, issues of student mental health, anger and gun possession deserve attention.

That said, violence on campus doesn't always take the form of a gun shooting. While less dramatic and certainly less newsworthy, violent acts take place on-campus and in off-campus houses every day. The current—and let's hope, permanent—lack of violent deaths should not obscure the point that violence, in lesser forms, still exists.

It's not enough to fix basic security concerns. It's not enough to simply cross our fingers and hope nothing happens. Because at any time, on any day, UVM could end up on the five o'clock news.

JEREMY SPIRO-WINN

## The power of words

It's one thing to have a terrible president, but it's another beast entirely when that president is a national embarrassment.

There's something to be said for the qualities of suavité and magnetism in a politician.

Even if these characteristics are used, at times, to misconstrue a candidate's abilities as a leader and policy maker ("decider," if you will), a president's position and influence extends well beyond the reach of this relatively straight-forward task.

George Bush's *other*, more dramatic, roll is that of the face of the United States of America.

When he stands before the U.N, addresses the nation on television or, god forbid, attends a press conference, he represents every man, woman, and child who calls themselves an American, whether they agree with his policies or not.

And when he appears crude, arrogant, oafish, inarticulate and tactless, so do we.

This is no trivial matter, America's strength in the world comes, in large part, from its ability to assure people that we are intelligent and well guided, and that we are generally good people; that we deserve to be the most powerful nation in the world.

Political scientists call this "soft power," and, though it may not be an easy thing to accrue, it can be destroyed in a few ill-conceived turns of phrase.

Perhaps this is not without good reason.

A person's ability to speak well in public is not a reflection of some base skill. It is not the simple task of reproducing common sounds, but of translating complicated ideas into a form that other minds can comprehend in a meaningful and profound way. It is a deeply intellectual pursuit.

A public address is an exhibition of a person's forethought, human-intuition, sharpness of mind, sense of humor, honesty and a million other subtle reflections of their intelligence and talent.

And the world picks up on this. A lack of tact in a leader can destroy decades of hard-won trust, and very quickly turn a once-faithful world into a more skeptical one. World-wide opinion polls continually suggest that people hold America in a negative light in increasing numbers, and it's no coincidence that sentiments in favor of George Bush are similarly dismal: the man is destroying our credibility.

The frequent hilarity of the bumbling utterances of our president belies a far scarier, more profound force at work; the power, for good or for bad, of words. Don't laugh.

# Letters to the Editor

## What would Jesus do?

On Monday, October 1st, I finally got around to picking up the previous week's edition of *The Cynic*.

It was ok—some fashion, a little bit of politics, a few music reviews and a really dumb Op-Ed on page seven.

The piece was entitled "The Double-edged blade of intolerance," and was written in an apparent attempt to make us (the student body) realize how intolerant it was of us to have heckled the proselytizers who returned to campus last week.

The author claims that the preachers should have been shown respect and treated with civility; that they were merely trying to share their perspective with us in a peaceful and harmonious manner: The men "did not attack, condemn, or attempt to scare [even] one of the students."

However, he and I must not have seen the same three lunatics screaming in front of the library the other day.

The guys that I saw were all too happy to attack personal lifestyles and belief systems.

They were all too content condemning the majority of the UVM community to an eternity in the fiery pits of the Devil's lair.

They were all too eager to scare us into submission and acquiescence.

The guys that I saw were self-described literalists. That is, they believe that the words in the Bible are the infallible words of God himself, blessed be He.

In their minds evolution is a silly fantasy, the gays are all going straight to hell and the three of them are going to be saved, and enjoy everlasting life next to God on his throne or whatever. And, to boot, none of this is debatable. It's a divine truth.

Whatever, that's fine. Believe what you want. I don't care.

But, when you try and impose that sort of stuff on a college campus—a place of reason, philosophy, scientific inquiry, and genuine religious exploration, when you set up shop in front of a library and preach that ONE book is supreme to all others, and when you tell students on their own

campus that "it doesn't matter" what they think (which I heard at least once definitively), well, that sort of behavior warrants public ridicule.

I'm not bashing religion here. I'm not. Religion is fine. Believe whatever you want. It's cool.

What I'm bashing here is a group of men who are so damned sure of themselves that they outright will not explore any theories of existence other than their own.

They live in a world of black and white, good and evil, the saved and the damned. Most importantly, though, they do not hesitate, but rather jump on the opportunity to point their fingers.

So, should we be sorry that we shouted profanity at the guys with Jesus in their hearts, but stones in their hands? Should we be more tolerant next time?

Perhaps if they decided to show us the same courtesy.

J.C.  
Class of '08

## A long walk home

The UVM handbook outlines Police Services as an organization that enhances campus life by "encouraging and supporting crime prevention and personal safety. The department provides programs and publications, safety escorts and first response to campus emergencies."

On the night of September 26, a friend and I were returning from spending the day in New Hampshire.

We would be returning late and we had set up many rides to pick us up after we dropped off the car we had rented. Well, all our rides fell through.

At a gas station, we saw two Burlington police officers. We approached them and explained that we were two college students, living in opposite directions, whose rides fell through and that we would have to walk because we did not have any cash on us, and then asked, "What should we do?"

"Should we call UVM police services and have them escort us home?" we asked.

"Well, umm, I'm not sure. I do not know the number off the top of my head," said the cop.

To spell it out, two Burlington police officers let two young girls walk away from them at two o'clock in the morning, knowing that they would have to walk in opposite directions.

We then proceeded to call UVM Police Services. What could they do for us?

Nothing.

They could get us a cab, we were told, but no one could be sent to escort us. It has been almost a year since Michelle Gardner-Quinn was brutally attacked and murdered walking home from downtown, on essentially the same streets that we would have been walking alone.

It seems ironic, and extremely disturbing that not only would two Burlington cops, but also UVM Police Services, allow two young college students to walk home at two in the morning.

Have we not learned our lesson?

In addition to Ms. Gardner-Quinn, there are stories of girls abducted from Target parking lots in broad daylight, girls assaulted on their campus, girls raped walking home after a night of partying.

True, we could have made it home safely that night, but why risk it?

Does Burlington and UVM want to deal with another blow? Do they want parents to return to campus to pack up the belongings of their deceased? Does Burlington want to hold press conferences about missing girls?

It was horrifying to me, as a young woman, that no one would offer us a safe way to

get home.

Thankfully, we were able to find a taxi company that would accept debit, but had there been no such company, we would have walked home alone.

I write this so that the students of UVM and the citizens of Burlington can realize the lack of concern that the police possess.

I do not mean to be overly critical of the police, I know that everyday they risk their lives, but we need to make sure that the young college students, the young children in Burlington, and all inhabiting this area, are safe.

As the time approaches of Ms. Gardner-Quinn's last day, we should honor her.

We should strive to better our town, our community. We must work together to make sure that all that live in the great area of Burlington are safe because, perhaps like us, one night a single girl will be stranded with no cash and no credit card.

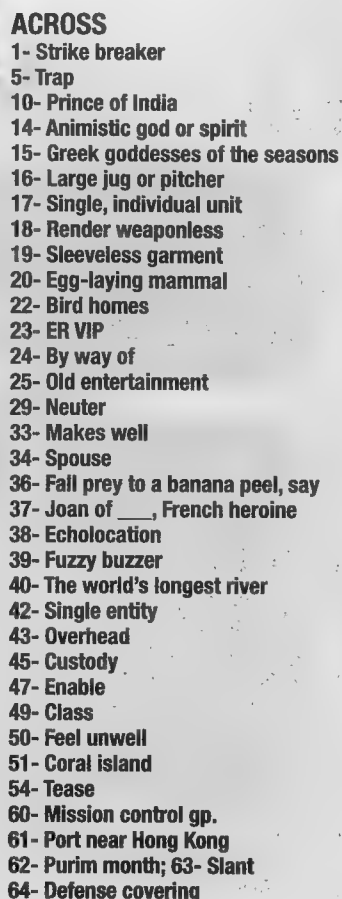
What is she to do, make the unnerving walk home by herself?

Let us learn from Ms. Gardner-Quinn and pledge to provide services for students, or at least be more helpful than "umm, I do not know."

Sincerely,  
A Concerned College Student



# P U Z Z L E



65- "All The Way To \_\_\_\_", song by REM  
66- Drug-yielding plant  
67- Farm birds  
68- 24 hour periods

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- 1- Milk choice
- 2- Roman censor
- 3- "So be it"
- 4- Having two methods
- 5- Building devoted to worship
- 6- First-class
- 7- Streetcar
- 8- Feel concern
- 9- Skirt stitching
- 10- Discloses
- 11- Amazes
- 12- Joke
- 13- Skills
- 21- Throw
- 22- Void
- 24- Change direction
- 25- Express gratitude
- 26- Lofty nest
- 27- Twinned crystal
- 28- Surrounded by
- 29- Declare
- 30- Arm joint
- 31- Sift
- 32- Nuremberg trial defendant
- 35- Singer DiFranco
- 38- Beyond help
- 41- Shave
- 43- Capital of Western Samoa

44- Kevel  
46- Unwell  
48- Ripe  
51- Rectangular pier  
52- Hindmost part of an animal  
53- Scandinavian capital city  
54- Shipping deduction  
55- Apex, pinnacle  
56- Greek temple  
57- Thought  
58- Whimsically comical  
59- Greek god of love  
61- Periodical, briefly

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YEAH...! PARTY WAS SOLD  
OUT OF MOST OF THE COOL  
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## Last Week

**Tuesday, October 2 –  
Monday, October 8**

**Wednesday, October 3**  
Field Hockey vs. Dartmouth

— Win  
Vermont: 4-1-5  
Dartmouth: 1-1-2

**Thursday, October 4**  
Women's Soccer @ Binghamton

— Loss  
Vermont: 0-2-2  
Binghamton: 1-3-4

**Saturday, October 6**  
Field Hockey @ Albany

— Loss  
Vermont: 0-0-0  
Albany: 0-1-1

**Men's Soccer vs. Albany**  
— Double OT Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0-0-0  
Albany: 0-0-0-1-1

**Women's Hockey vs. Sacred Heart**

— Win  
Vermont: 0-4-1-5  
Sacred Heart: 1-0-0-1

**Sunday, October 7**  
Women's Soccer vs. Stony Brook

— Loss  
Vermont: 0-0-0  
Stony Brook: 0-1-1

**Men's Hockey vs. Acadia**

— Win  
Vermont: 0-2-2-4  
Acadia: 0-0-0-1

**Women's Hockey vs. Sacred Heart**

— Win  
Vermont: 1-4-3-8  
Sacred Heart: 0-0-0-0

## Conference Standings

### America East Field Hockey

Albany- (1-0) Overall - (9-3)  
Boston University- (1-0) Overall (9-3)  
Vermont - (1-0) Overall - (8-4)  
New Hampshire - (0-1) Overall - (6-6)  
Maine- (0-1) Overall - (4-6)  
Fairfield- (0-1) Overall (2-9)

### America East Men's Soccer

Hartford- (0-0-0) Overall - (5-1-1)  
Binghamton- (0-0-0) Overall - (7-2-0)  
Stony Brook- (0-0-0) Overall - (6-3-0)  
Boston University- (0-0-0) Overall - (4-4-0)  
UMBC - (0-0-0) Overall - (3-3-2)  
New Hampshire- (0-0-0) Overall - (2-3-3)  
Vermont- (0-0-0) Overall - (3-7-0)  
Maine - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-7-0)  
Albany - (0-0-0) Overall - (1-7-1)

### America East Women's Soccer

Stony Brook (1-0-0) Overall - (4-2-3)  
New Hampshire - (1-0-0) Overall - (5-4-1)  
Boston University- (1-0-0) Overall - (4-5-1)  
Maine - (1-0-0) Overall - (3-4-2)  
Hartford - (0-0-0) Overall - (2-5-2)  
Albany - (0-1-0) Overall - (3-4-3)  
Binghamton- (0-1-0) Overall - (1-7-2)  
UMBC- (0-1-0) Overall - (1-7-2)  
Vermont, AE - (0-1-0) Overall - (1-8-1)

## Women's soccer falls to Stony Brook

The Cats sport an 11-game losing streak after the 1-0 loss

By FARZIN MOJTABAI

Cynic Correspondent

Coming off a string of nine consecutive road games, UVM women's soccer suffered a 1-0 loss to visiting Stony Brook on Sunday, Oct. 7 in their first home game in 35 days.

The game saw a physical and aggressive style of play both sides, witnessing many fouls and three cards against the Catamounts in a defensive.

"We have to focus more on the little things and keeping it simple, we dominated in the first half but had five to seven shots we didn't take" head coach Kerry Dziczkaniek said. "We have to focus more on shooting and serving the ball more."

Stony Brook came fielding one of the top goalkeepers in the nation in Marisa Viola, sporting a streak of 561 minutes without allowing a goal.

The first half was highlighted by great goal keeping from sophomore Eliza Bradley, who made a leaping save off a deflected corner kick, knocking the ball over the crossbar.

Bradley followed with another acrobatic save two minutes later off a ricocheted corner kick from the powerful shot of Stony Brook's Aria Tanzi, which grazed the post in Stony Brook's best scoring opportunity of the half.

The first half would end scoreless and was defined by



(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore midfielder Rachel Andres (11) defends the ball against a Stony Brook offender in Sunday's 1-0 loss.

stifling defense from the Catamounts.

A key defensive force was Junior Erin Pichiotino, whose prowess and speed, helped blank the Seawolves in the first.

The second half saw a dramatic increase in offensive scoring opportunities, especially for the Catamounts.

Freshman Jessica Becker produced the best scoring opportunity for the Cats, sending a long shot past the goal darting off the inside post at the 63-minute mark, generating a roar from the home crowd.

The physicality of the game persisted in the second

half, eventually costing the Catamounts, as freshman midfielder Sasha Morey received her second yellow card of the game for a hard foul in the resulting in ejection and forcing Vermont to play the latter end of the second half with 10 players.

Just moments later, Stony Brook would convert what ended up being the only goal of the game off the foot of junior Brooke Barbutto, who sent a spiraling free kick past Bradley, which deflected off the right post and in for the goal.

The Catamounts put forth a concerted effort in the final minutes, increasing their of-

fensive pressure, but were unable to come up with the goal they needed to send the game into overtime, despite outshooting Stony Brook 10-9.

Dziczkaniek remains optimistic for the Catamounts' next contest, against Harvard on Oct. 10, as a chance to snap an 11-game losing streak.

"We will get back to work and get ready for Harvard on Wednesday," Dziczkaniek said.

The loss sends the Catamounts to a 1-10-1 overall record, 0-3 in America East, while Stony Brook propels their record to 5-2-4 and 2-0-1 in conference play.

## FIELD HOCKEY

Continued from 16

saves in the contest while Dartmouth goalie Ashley Heist tallied six.

Following the game, head coach Nicki Houghton was

quick to praise Dartmouth's efforts. "Dartmouth is a talented as well as competitive team and they were a great preparation for our game against Albany," said Houghton.

This Saturday's contest against #16 Albany will be a true test for the Cats as they

head into America East play with a record of 9-4 on the season.

As the postseason is creeping up on the Catamounts, they said they are looking strong and ready to take on all opponents following two strong wins over Ivy League teams.



(Eliza Mason/Vermont Cynic)

Junior Lauren Burke (18) guards against a Dartmouth attack in Wednesday's victory. The win over Dartmouth was Vermont's fifth straight triumph over an Ivy League opponent.

**Saturday, Oct. 6 v #16 Albany — Loss**

**Goals by period**  
Vermont: 0 0 - 0  
Albany: 0 1 - 1

**Shots by period**  
Vermont: 3 2 - 5  
Albany: 4 3 - 7

**Saves by period**  
Vermont: 3 2 - 5  
Albany: 2 1 - 3

**Penalty corners by period**  
Vermont: 1 2 - 3  
Albany: 3 3 - 6

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# Seven inducted to UVM Hall of Fame

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor



Gymnast Jamie Abbatiello hangs his portrait on the wall in the Hall of Fame room. (Dakota Rubin/Vermont Cynic)

Surrounded by the photos of over 300 past Catamount standouts, the Vermont Athletic Hall of Fame added seven new members including some of the most well-known Catamount alumni.

Three athletes that could not attend highlighted Saturday's induction ceremony. NHL superstars Martin St. Louis ('97), Eric Perin ('97) and Tim Thomas ('97) were enshrined but because of the start of the NFL season were not present.

Their coach at UVM, Mike Gilligan, presented them and could not say enough about what the threesome did for the hockey program.

"They obviously put our program on the map," Gilligan said. "We had been struggling for a few years before their arrival and what they have accomplished has been remarkable and has meant an awful lot in terms of recruiting for this University."

The three helped lead the Cats to back-to-back trips to the NCAA Tournament and the school's lone appearance in the Frozen Four in 1996.

Since graduating, St. Louis has made a name for himself as one of the best players in the NHL and a perennial all-star.

In the 2003-04 season, St. Louis led the league in scoring in route to winning the Hart Trophy and league MVP award while leading the Tampa Bay

Lightning to the 2004 Stanley Cup.

Later that year he skated with Canada on the way to World Cup title and in 2006 St. Louis added an Olympic Gold medal to his trophy case.

Perin, who was St. Louis' linemate throughout junior hockey, at Vermont and again with the Tampa Bay Lightning, never missed a game in his four seasons.

During his junior season, Perin posted 85 points on 29 goals and 56 assists in 38 games. St. Louis had the same numbers as the pair set single-season scoring records for points and assists.

Perin is currently playing with the Atlanta Thrashers.

"The French Connection" of St. Louis and Perin combined for 523 points through four years.

Behind the dynamic scoring duo for four years was a two-time All-American Thomas.

During the magical 1995-96 season, Thomas won his second straight East Coast Athletic Conference goaltending title with a 2.05 goals against average in league games and the nation's best save percentage at .924.

Thomas splits time in goal for the Boston Bruins.

But the three NHLers were not the only stars of the show.

The ceremony also included first ballot inductees Jamie Abbatiello ('97) and Carrie Dubray ('97). Rounding out the class were Dan Bokan ('90) and Henri Beauchemin ('41). Abbatiello was a two-time

All-American gymnast and became the first freshman ever to win the ECAC floor exercise title in a season that was his first as an All-American.

"[He is] the best gymnast in UVM men's gymnastics history," former gymnastics coach Gary Bruening said.

Abbatiello left UVM with three school records including best score in floor exercise, all-around and pommel horse.

He is now living with his wife in Washington D.C. where he coaches gymnastics.

Dubray left her mark on track and field at UVM and stands as the Vermont record holder in three throwing events: the 20-pound weight (indoors), the shot put (indoors) and the discus (outdoors).

"Carrie is one of the best throwers of her time at UVM and in the region," former coach Ed Kusiak said.

Dan Bokan participated in track and field and soccer at UVM. He was a four-time all-conference track and field star and when he graduated held six school records.

"You know it is a great honor to be hanging on the wall with all these people," Bokan said. "You don't think about these sorts of things when you are in college, you are just kind of doing your thing and enjoying your time."

"This kind of really defines what all of those years were for."

Beauchemin was a three-sport letter winner at UVM in basketball, baseball and football. He was not able to attend the event.



Inductee Dan Bokan (right) and teammate, classmate and presenter Mike Schaefer (left) pose with Bokan's portrait. (Dakota Rubin/Vermont Cynic)

## Cross Country

### New England Cross Country Championships

Freshman Julianne Crisafulli finished with a time of 19:54.

Vermont's next to finish was junior Danielle Cloutier-Simmons with a time of 20:10.

Sophomores Gillian Rissler and Katie Accomando followed next for the Cats.

Freshman Lauryn Wadlow was the last Vermont runner with a time of 21:10.

The Cats finished in the 32 spot with scored of 91, 109, 179, 197, 207, (213) and (230) for a combined point value of 783.

Vermont competes in the Saint Michael's Invitational on Friday, Oct. 12.

## Season opener split for swimming and diving

The Cats finished behind Army 72-41 and topped Stony Brook 77-36.

Vermont won:

- 200, 500 free, sophomore Molly MacMillan

- 200 IM, 200 back, freshman Kate Weaver

- 200 fly, senior Nicole Underhill

- 100 free, sophomore Colleen Clark

- 1,000 free, junior Lauren Honrath

- 200 breast, junior Ashley Gillespie

- 400-medley relay, Weaver, Gillespie, Underhill and Clark

- 1-meter, 3-meter, freshman Renee Gliddon

Vermont's next meet is October 13 for the UConn Invitational.

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

A column by The Vermont Cynic Sports Staff

Good Week for the Man  
By JOSH APPELBAUM

He's baackk.



After launching a walk-off, three-run homer onto the Mass Pike in Game 2 of the ALDS, Manny Ramirez continued his Sox-tober renaissance with another longball in the series-clinching 9-1 blowout of the Halos. Note to the Indians and Rockies or Snakes: intentionally walk Big Papi at your own risk because Manny is back to being Manny.

Good Week for Colorado  
By NICK DECARO

Is it possible to be having a better week than the Rockies, winners of 15 of their last 16 games, including a series-opening win at Philadelphia?

Probably not. After a dramatic 13-inning play in game for the Wild Card, taking the opening game of the NLDS, they could ride the momentum to the World Series.

Bad Week for Isiah Thomas  
By KAT WILLIAMS

On Oct. 2, Knicks' head coach Isiah Thomas was found guilty of sexually harassing former employee Anucha Browne Sanders.

Sanders claimed that Thomas repeatedly cursed and hit on her while she was employed with the Knicks.

Sanders will walk away with \$11.6 million from Madison Square Garden, while Thomas's squeaky-clean record goes down the drain.

Bad Week for Marion Jones  
By IBI TARIQ

Marion Jones, winner of five medals in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, admitted in a letter to friends and family this past week that she used steroids for two years before the Sydney games.

Jones also admitted lying to federal prosecutors in 2003 when asked about the BALCO and the performance enhancing substance dubbed "the clear."

Good Week For Matt Holliday  
By ZACH PARKER

The Rockies' budding superstar all but secured his legend in Colorado this week.

After winning the batting title and seemingly securing the NL MVP award, Holliday scored the game-winning run with an all-out dive to end the epic one-game play-off against the Padres, then homered to help win Game One of the NLDS against the Phillies.

# View from the Sidelines

A commentary on the National Football League brought to you by Ibi Tariq

## NFL Predictions – Week Six

### Game of the Week

#### New England at Dallas

The Pats offense can do everything. Brady is toying with defensive coordinators, the running game can pound it down any front seven and the defense looks like it can only be challenged by Romo and Co. The Cowboys' offense will need to strike early and often to get New England to play from behind. Dallas won't have enough, especially with Rodney Harrison back on the field. Pats win, 34-24.

### And also playing this week...

#### Tennessee at Tampa Bay

Jeff Garcia can play. As Jon Gruden put it, "We got a hell of a quarterback." Minor problem for the Bucs: the Titans have one too, namely, Vince Young. The game will rest in how these two play. I say Young will find a way to win. Titans 24-21.

#### Washington at Green Bay

Favre's passing renaissance can only carry Green Bay so far, especially without a running game. Washington's Jason Campbell will need to play as well as he did against Detroit to give the Redskins a shot at a win in Lambeau. Look for Favre to put the Packers up early. Packers win, 28-23.

#### Carolina at Arizona

Matt Leinart's collarbone may be the deciding factor in the game. If he plays, Kurt Warner plays less in Arizona's quirky two-

QB system. I'm counting on Ken Wisenhunt "resting" Leinart even if he's healthy. Cardinals over Panthers 17-7.

#### Philadelphia at New York Jets

Donovan McNabb should be sufficiently recovered from the Eagles O-Line meltdown against the Giants two weeks ago. Now if only his receivers knew how to get open against teams other than the Lions. Look for them to do it at New York. Eagles win, 17-10.

#### St. Louis at Baltimore

The Rams showed heart against Arizona, but Baltimore just outclasses them in every phase of the game. Granted, the Rams are outclassed by every team in the league. Ravens will take care of business, 28-14.

#### New Orleans at Seattle

The Seahawks are clawing for .500 and the Saints are just clawing for a win. Reggie Bush is not ready to be an every-down back. Seattle wins, 23-14.

#### New York Giants at Atlanta

Even if the Falcons had Vick, I still think Osi Umenyiora would get to him. Look for Harrington or Leftwich to face constant pressure and Eli Manning to target Burress heavily. Giants win, 28-20.

#### Oakland at San Diego

If LT shows up, the Chargers win. If LT doesn't show up...Michael Turner and Phil-

ip Rivers do? Maybe Norv Turner can get this team to win after all. Chargers win, 30-14.

#### Miami at Cleveland

The Browns should rebound from New England and topple Miami. Rather, they'll keep playing like they were, but it'll be enough to beat Miami, especially with Trent Green likely out with what looks like his second severe concussion in as many seasons. Cleveland 28-17.

#### Cincinnati at Kansas City

Someone should put up "Missing" posters for the Bengals' defense and the Chief's Larry Johnson. If they don't show up, Carson Palmer and Ocho Cinco should be able to work enough magic against KC's #21 pass defense. Cincy wins, 31-24.

#### Houston at Jacksonville

The Jags ability to run the ball, whether its with Maurice Jones-Drew, Fred Taylor, or even David Garrard, should be the deciding factor over the Texans. Houston lacks the proven rushing ability, and Matt Schaub can't do it alone. Jaguars 27-17.

#### Minnesota at Chicago

Despite Brian Urlacher patrolling the Midway, Chicago still ranks #30 in rush defense. Look for the Vikings to establish the run and score early with Adrian Peterson, forcing the Bears to pass. Vikings win, 20-14.

# F A C E O F F

## THE MATCHUP

### ZACH PARKER vs. KAT WILLIAMS

WITTY COMMENTS AND JUDGING BY JOANNA BENJAMIN, SPORTS EDITOR



1. The three former Duke lacrosse players falsely accused of rape filed a federal lawsuit seeking redress for what they describe as "one of the most chilling episodes of premeditated police, prosecutorial and scientific misconduct in modern American history."

Is this a justified lawsuit?

ZP: This lawsuit being filed by the Duke lacrosse players is absolutely justified. The former DA, Mike Nifong, wanted to make an example out of the three young men and he destroyed their reputations in the process.

If those three players had truly been guilty of what they were accused of, then they would deserve to be rotting in jail right now, but they are not.

Once it became clear that there was no strong evidence against them, however, Nifong did everything he could to manipulate the evidence and place guilt on the three young men and they deserve repayment.

KW: The Duke lacrosse players were treated like scum even though they were the innocent ones.

I just don't get the judicial and evidential side of this case. The dancer who accused these players of gang rape changed her story significantly every time and for a year they couldn't figure out that she was full of shit?

The system was jumping to conclusions based upon what the prosecutor was telling them, showing the weakness of our judiciary branch and causing the Duke lacrosse program a major set back.

2. Travis Henry, the NFL's leading rusher, is trying to prevent the NFL from suspending him over the results of a drug test.

Should he be allowed to play?

ZP: Travis Henry should be allowed to play for now, but it seems inevitable that he will be suspended.

Henry's suing of the NFL for mishandling his urine sample would seem much more reasonable if he were not also trying to stop the NFL from testing his B-sample.

If Henry were truly innocent, he would have no problem with the league repeating this test to prove that there was no malpractice involved.

There is nothing the NFL should do now, since Henry faces a yearlong suspension once he drops the case, so it just depends on what season he wants to miss.

KW: NO!

I love football as much as the next person and it's a shame that some of the top performers can't compete due to poor choices.

But what message is the NFL conveying if they just let it slide?

The league is already pretty lenient for marketing purposes and just because the player is an all-star doesn't make it okay.

Henry should be used as an example for future players.

This is like the Michael Vick case, just substitute drugs for dogs.

These players are people too and they should have to abide by the laws and regulations of the league.

3. The World Golf Foundation has announced a list of banned substances similar to that of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

When and where will the steroid investigations stop? Should they?

ZP: The fact that the World Golf Foundation is now worried about performance enhancing drugs shows that steroid use has gone too far in professional sports.

At least steroids were expected in baseball and football, but golf?

Is Tiger Woods injecting Stanozolol and Human Growth Hormone before he tees off?

I'm not saying that golf shouldn't be careful and aware of performance enhancing drugs, because they absolutely should.

However, it is a sad day when a sport like golf has to worry about its players doping.

KW: Of course they shouldn't stop and I don't think that the investigations will ever cease.

The use of performance-enhancing drugs is one of the biggest issues in sports today and it's certainly not fair to take them for an advantage.

Yes, we all love the competition, but cheating your way to a championship or stardom isn't worth the legal issues and future embarrassment.

Take Marion Jones, for example, who recently admitted to using steroids during her successful 2000 Sydney Olympics.

And what does she have to show for it now? Lawsuits, let downs and three gold medals that shouldn't belong to her.

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The opening scene from Sunday's men's hockey game against Acadia. Sunday's game marked Gutterson Fieldhouse's sellout crowd streak at 58. (Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

## UVM hockey opens the season at home

### #20 Vermont remains impressive in 4-0 rout of Acadia

By JOSH APPELBAUM  
Assistant Sports Editor

Although only an exhibition game, Sunday's 4-0 trouncing of Acadia University saw UVM men's hockey in midseason form.

In front of another sellout crowd, the Cats outshot the Axemen 33-6 and tallied goals from four different skaters.

"I think it was a good start to our season," senior defenseman and team captain Mark Lutz said. "It's good to get all of the butterflies out and get that first one out of the way."

After a scoreless first period in which UVM netminder Joe Fallon faced only two shots, the Cats took a 1-0 lead at 6:45 of the second.

Sophomore defenseman Patrick Cullity took advantage of the many penalties, burying home a rebound past

Acadia goaltender Lanny Ramage.

Less than six minutes later, junior Dean Strong hammered home the puck on another power play amidst a wild scrum to widen the score.

Senior goalie Jeff Hill did not face a single shot during the period.

At 9:33 of the final stanza, junior Corey Carlson tipped home a drive from the point, off the stick of freshman Dan Lawson to make it 3-0.

With three minutes remaining, Carlson sprung streaking sophomore Viktor Stalberg, who buried a twisted wrister, to end the scoring.

Sophomore goaltender Mike Spillane stopped four shots in the period.

"It's about the process of getting the jitters out and getting ready for the college season," UVM head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "I think we accomplished that tonight."

The Cats travel to face Miami (Ohio) on Oct. 12. Full season preview coming next week.

### Women's hockey opens strong at 2-0

By ZACH PARKER  
Staff Writer

Hockey is in the air again at the University of Vermont.

UVM's women's hockey team kicked off their pre-season Saturday afternoon at Gutterson Fieldhouse with a 5-1 victory over Sacred Heart.

The Cats started off slow, giving up an early goal and entering the second period trailing 1-0.

The Catamounts came out strong in the second and scored four goals, two of which were delivered by senior tri-captain Kate Lesniak.

"Our defense was tentative with the puck in the first period, but stayed resilient and kept coming," head coach Tim Bothwell said.

UVM controlled the flow of the game from the second period on, finishing the game outshooting Sacred Heart 64-

26.

The third period was critical for the Cats when Lesniak recorded a hat trick on the final UVM goal of the game with seven minutes remaining, bringing the crowd to their feet.

"I like the way we moved and shared the puck today," Bothwell said. "Today's victory was pretty darn pleasing."

With a strong victory the first time out, women's hockey has a positive outlook as they prepare for the season.

"We are excited about what we can make happen this season," Bothwell said. "We have a lot of returnees stepping up and I feel very good about the upcoming season."

The Catamounts women's hockey team continued a successful preseason Sunday night with an 8-2 victory over Sacred Heart. The victory marks the first time the Cats have started 2-0.

The hockey hype is building at UVM, so check back next week for a full season preview of UVM's women's hockey team.

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into an own goal.

For the fourth consecutive game the Cats fell 1-0 and now have a scoreless streak that extends back 420 minutes to a Tyler Hasman goal in a win over Central Connecticut on Sept. 16.

"Being a former goal-scorer myself, you go through slumps," head coach Jesse Cormier said. "The team right now just happens to be going through a slump in terms of goal productions and we just need to work out way out of it."

During the second half alone the Cats took 14 shots compared to only three from the Great Danes and forced Albany goalie Ceus Steward to make six saves including a few on point blank chances.

On one instance, senior Justin Geibel showed great

form in streaking up the right side of the field before laying the ball off to sophomore Matt Hennessey who whipped a cross into the box.

Senior Loren Hill got on the end of the cross and, after dodging a defender, had a shot at an open goal but his try was swept off the line by Great Danes defender Milos

had a lot of chances to take care of this game and unfortunately we weren't able to get the bounces.

"There are just the little things we need to do to put the stamp on it and really come out with a W here and we didn't."

With the start of the first overtime period came the

**"There is plenty of time to get back on track. We are not hanging our heads quite yet."**  
- Panos Georgiadis, senior co-captain

Jankovic. Hill had six shots in the game.

Junior forward Jordan Crasilneck also had a few great chances including a shot from the top of the 18-yard box that was destined for the bottom-left corner of the goal, but was saved by the fingertips of a diving Steward.

"Soccer can be a pretty evil game," Cormier said. "We

heaviest rains of the day, causing many of the players to lose their footing and play became increasingly sloppy.

Vermont had the best chance of the game to get on the board in the start of the second overtime period.

Geibel got free on the right side and swung in a cross that was knocked down by Hasman inside the box. The ball fell to

the feet of sophomore Marty Galvin who was unmarked in the center of the box.

Steward easily saved his shot at the center of goal.

"Can't fault the guys for not trying, they all worked so hard," senior co-captain Panos Georgiadis said. "The ball is just not going our way. So I guess we just have to work harder now."

"That final touch, its that last bit of edge, that last bit of class that we just cant find right now."

The game came to a heart-breaking end for the Catamounts when Albany's freshman Ian Peach struck a shot on goal from deep inside the Cats' box that struck off the body of diving Vermont senior Connor Tobin and deflected into the goal.

"That was the first game of the season as we put it," Georgiadis said. "There is plenty of time to get back on track. We are not hanging our heads quite yet."



## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

### A Harty man-crush

Announcer #1: I love [Mike Hart]! Am I allowed to say that?

Announcer #2: I think you have a man-crush on Mike Hart!

Announcer #1: I am a big Mike Hart fan ... The guy plays so hard!

I missed Michigan's game yesterday against Eastern Michigan — those Ypsilanti upstarts (ok, not really, but they did put up a good fight) — but I didn't miss the lines above that graced ESPN.com's highlight video.

My boy, Mike Hart, has owned his opponents all year. The game against Eastern Michigan was no exception; in fact it was probably his most exceptional performance all year.

Yesterday's stat line: 22 carries, 215 yards, three touchdowns and invaluable leadership.

Even when the rest of his teammates were underperforming against Appalachian State and Oregon, Hart did everything he could to help them win.

His stat line to date (through six games), including those two nightmarish losses: 179 carries (leads the nation), 976 yards (also best in the nation), 10 touchdowns (tied for second) — invaluable leadership.

I'd say our Announcer #1 is completely OK saying he loves Mike Hart because, really, there's so much to love.

A man-crush? I'll leave that for you to decide.

The brass tacks of it are obvious. Mike Hart is more valuable to his team than any other player in Division I-A football.

That's as simple as it gets. He plays every facet of the running back position as well as anyone in the country, better than most.

In the Appalachian State nightmare, Hart ran for 188 yards and three touchdowns in just over two quarters because he was sidelined with an injury.

Against Oregon he didn't play most of the second half because the game was already out of hand despite his 100-plus yard rushing effort in the first half.

As far as the Heisman process goes, Hart was shot in the foot after the two losses, regardless of the fact that he has been perfect.

It's a shame. It's a sham. But it's not over.

Think about the other Heisman hopefuls. Darren McFadden? His team has lost twice too.

Andre Woodson? Kentucky just lost and he didn't exactly play like a Heisman candidate.

Tim Tebow? He was amazing against LSU but his team has losses to their credit.

DeSean Jackson? His numbers are not incredible.

Matt Ryan? His numbers are great but he has yet to prove himself in a big game.

The bottom line is that Mike Hart is in the running and Michigan's losses should not hurt him (hopefully). His value as a great college player is beyond debate.

Hart has heart, leadership, skills and numbers. Hart sure sounds like Heisman to me.

I love Mike Hart. Am I allowed to say that?





## This Week

Tuesday, October 9 –  
Monday, October 15

Wednesday, October 10  
Men's Soccer  
@ New Hampshire  
Durham, N.H., 3 p.m.

Friday, October 12  
Cross Country  
@ Saint Michael's Invitational  
Colchester, Vt., 3 p.m.  
Men's Hockey  
@ Miami  
Oxford, Ohio, 7 p.m.  
Women's Hockey  
vs. Union  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 13  
Women's Lacrosse  
@ Cornell Tournament  
Ithaca, N.Y., TBA  
Swimming  
@ UConn Invitational  
Storrs, Conn., 9 a.m.  
Women's Hockey  
vs. Union  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

Men's Soccer  
@ Stony Brook  
Stony Brook, N.Y., 7 p.m.  
Men's Hockey  
@ Miami  
Oxford, Ohio, 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 14  
Women's Soccer  
vs. New Hampshire  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

## Next Week

Tuesday, October 16 –  
Monday, October 22

Wednesday, October 17

Men's Soccer  
@ New Hampshire  
Durham, N.H., 3 p.m.  
Women's Soccer  
@ Harvard  
Cambridge, Mass., 3 p.m.

Friday, October 19

Cross Country  
@ Saint Michael's Invitational  
Colchester, Vt., 3 p.m.  
Men's Hockey  
@ Miami (Ohio)  
Oxford, Ohio, 1 p.m.  
Women's Hockey  
vs. Union  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 20

Women's Lacrosse  
@ Cornell Tournament  
Ithaca, N.Y., TBA  
Swimming  
@ UConn Invitational  
Storrs, Conn., 1 p.m.  
Field Hockey  
vs. New Hampshire  
Moulton Winder Field, 1 p.m.  
Women's Hockey  
vs. Union  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

Men's Soccer  
@ Stony Brook  
Stony Brook, N.Y., 7 p.m.  
Men's Hockey  
@ Miami (Ohio)  
Oxford, Ohio, 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 21

Women's Soccer  
vs. New Hampshire  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

# Back in "the Gut"



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(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

## Cats win another over Ivys

Field hockey tops Dartmouth before falling to Albany

By ZACH PARKER

Cynic Correspondent

Coming off a solid victory over Harvard, the UVM field hockey team topped their fifth straight Ivy League opponent in the 5-2 win over the Dartmouth Big Green last Wednesday.

The Cats gathered early momentum in the game, scoring four goals before the half and recording points for eight different players.

UVM capitalized on a penalty corner just before the eight-minute mark on a goal by junior Kim Striegler, assisted by seniors Betsy Welsh and Kate Lipton.

The Cats never started a rally after the initial goal with a goal and an assist for junior Maegan Luce and sophomore Megan Maynard as well as two goals recorded for senior Danielle Collins.

Luce scored the Cats' second goal at the 11:31 mark off an assist by Maynard, but Dartmouth responded less than two minutes later, successfully executing a penalty corner around the Catamount defense.

Collins was able to record her first goal of the game and fourth in the past three games off an interception by Luce just before the 17 minutes of play.

Four minutes later Collins scored again, recording her second goal of the game and senior Kelly McClintock picked up an assist on the play.

The Big Green did not give up under the offensive attack, outshooting UVM 7-2 in the second half, while Vermont outshot Dartmouth 20-2 in the first.

Junior Jen Angers pushed the ball into the Dartmouth circle, priming Maynard for a high goal, her fourth goal of the season. Maynard's goal, along with her three assists on the season, tied her as third in points on the team.

Dartmouth ended the game on their terms, scoring a final tally on sophomore goalie Kristen Heavens within the last four minutes of play, finishing the game at 5-2.

Heavens recorded two

## Men's soccer falls in overtime

Cats sunk in America East opener

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

The Vermont men's soccer team fell 1-0 in the second sudden death overtime period to the Great Danes of Albany on Saturday in front of a drenched Homecoming Weekend crowd at Centennial Field.

The Cats dominated the Great Danes for much of play, outshooting them 21-12 in the game.

With 3:43 remaining in the second overtime period, Albany took advantage of one of their sparse offensive opportunities and induced Vermont

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(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Senior midfielder Justin Geibel (16) sends the ball upfield in Saturday's rain-soaked matchup against Albany.

## Player of the Week



**Megan Maynard**  
Field Hockey  
sophomore

By KAT WILLIAMS

1. What do you like most about playing for and competing with UVM?

I like belonging to this team, the friendships I have made and working toward team and individual goals.

Representing UVM on and off the field is an honor and I'm excited to have the opportunity to be a part of such a great team.

2. How do you feel you contribute to the team?

I bring a positive attitude, enthusiasm and determination. I work hard at every practice, give my all at every game and I hold my teammates to the same standard.

I try to lead by example and motivate during practices and games to reach their potential.

3. What is your goal for the rest of the season?

My goal for the rest of the season is to help our field hockey team make it to the America East tournament again and hopefully win it! I mean win it!

It's about time we host the tournament here in Vermont.

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## SGA to decide on Red Cross ban

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Assistant News Editor

On Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Davis Center's Livak Ballroom, the Student Government Association will debate and vote on a controversial resolution that calls for a ban on the American Red Cross from using UVM facilities for blood drives.

UVM administrators, faculty, students and six representatives from the American Red Cross (ARC) will testify before SGA, Speaker of the Senate Mike Glynn said. UVM junior Caitlin Regan said she is organizing a peaceful demonstration in support of

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the resolution, to take place at Tuesday's meeting.

The resolution states that the ARC policy that prohibits men who have had sex with men at any time since 1977 from donating blood is "in direct conflict with University policy."

However, ARC-Burlington spokesperson Chris Frenette said that the ARC is required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to abide by the policy, which was first enacted in 1983.

Several FDA spokespersons from the New England and national headquarters also said that ARC is required to follow the rule.

Nevertheless, if ARC can

provide "sufficient evidence" that sexually active gay men as a group are not at increased risk for transfusion transmitted diseases, the policy can be modified, one FDA spokesperson said.

ARC released a statement last year stating that the FDA policy is "unwarranted". It also appeared before the FDA Blood Products Advisory Committee in March of 2006 requesting that the policy be modified from a lifetime deferral to a 12-month deferral, according to documentation on the FDA Web site.

The FDA upheld its support of a lifetime deferral fol-

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(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

A Burlington resident donates blood at the Red Cross blood donation center on Mansfield Avenue. SGA will vote Tuesday on legislation that could ban the Red Cross from campus.

## The vigil, one year later



(Tom Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

SGA President Kesha Ram (right) and two other students take part in a candlelight vigil Friday evening on the UVM Green to honor the one-year anniversary of Michelle Gardner-Quinn's murder. The vigil came after a march up Main St. — the march to campus symbolized the walk that Gardner-Quinn was unable to finish one year ago.

## Intervale compost production catching flak

Burlington compost site receives notice from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

By VERA SIMON-NOBES  
Senior Staff Writer

The Intervale's composting program is in hot water as it faces alleged environmental violations.

Kit Perkins, executive director of the Intervale Center, said the non-profit organization received a Notice of Alleged

Violation from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in late September.

Intervale Composting Products, (ICP) which started as a small yard-waste composting operation now turns out 20,000 tons of organic compost each year, according to its Web site.

However, the operation may have reached unmanageable proportions.

The Intervale's alleged violations include, "improper storage of liquid runoff, accepting too much food waste and spreading leachate without a permit," according to the

Burlington Free Press.

In response to the allegations, the Intervale Center said, "Our interest is to ensure our facility is in 100 percent compliance with the law, while advancing the positive environmental goals that compost supports."

Karl Hammer, who originally helped to design the Intervale's composting system and currently owns the Vermont Composting Company said that the composting operation was originally transportable. The piles would decompose on a

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## Full slate of events highlight Greek Week

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY  
Senior Staff Writer

UVM Greeks celebrated annual Greek Week last week with dinners, talent shows and competition.

The week-long celebration brought UVM fraternities and sororities together for games, competition and speakers, according to Kim Monteaux, the Greek Advisor.

The week began with a Taste of Greek Life, which was held last Monday night at the Davis Center Ball Room. Each fraternity and sorority made a food and shared recipes, Monteaux said.

Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi), the Jewish fraternity on campus made traditional recipes. Monteaux said they "really shined."

According to Monteaux, Tuesday night Greeks gathered again for a game of Greek jeopardy joined by faculty and staff.

Other events include wheel chair basketball, flag football, lip sync and the crowning a Greek God and Goddess.

X and X won this year. The competition was based on how each person represents themselves, crowd response to talent, and answers to questions said Josh Klein, a member of Sigma Phi Society and president of the Interfraternity Council.

"The Davis Center played a huge role," said Klein, "it helped 100 percent." In previous years the event was held in Billings Student Center.

"There was a great response from everyone. I wouldn't change anything," said Klein. "Maybe just make

it longer."

Paul Robertson, a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, said that he enjoyed Greek Week.

"The Greek Sync dances were awesome! AGR did the Oompa Loompa dance from Willy Wonka which was very creative, and we (Pi Kappa Alpha) did a great job with 'Ain't Too Proud to Beg' by the Sweet Temptations," Robertson said.

Throughout the week, UVM Greeks played a game of Penny Wars where Greeks gathered coins to donate to Barns Elementary school, said Klein. They raised over \$1200.00.

Two large boxes of canned goods were also donated to Chittenden Food Center, Klein said.

"I have been proud every night," said Monteaux. Monteaux said the week was "amazing".



(Valerie Gillotin/Vermont Cynic)

Players battle for the ball in a barefoot soccer game Sunday. The event was sponsored by Greek Life as a part of Greek Week.

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# Blue light debate starts again for UVM students

**Students are worried about the space between bluelights. Bluelights have only been used once for its intended purpose**

By COLIN FLOOD  
Cynic Correspondent

In a recent SGA poll, some students worried that there were too few blue lights on campus, and that they wouldn't be able to find one if they needed it. Others complained that they have been abused and could be annoying at night.

Still others suggested that they created a false sense of security, and to add more of them would be "victim-blaming," as opposed to addressing the culture that allows predators and criminals to function in society.

Many of these students thought there were too many blue lights, distracting from the real root of the problem.

"We can make our physical structure safer easier than we can change the culture," said Jay Taylor, chair of the SGA Student Action Committee, pointing out that they were the fastest way to contact any of



(Dakota Rubin/Vermont Cynic)

Two bluelights are pictured between the Dudley H. Davis center and the Bailey-Howe library.

UVM's rescue services.

However, he acknowledged blue lights were not the ultimate answer, as a lot of the crime on campus occurs indoors. "For what they do, they do it well, but the function of the blue lights is limited."

One of the complaints SGA received was that the termi-

nals were abused, or used in the absence of an emergency.

"I think they're effective as an available tool," said Patrick Brown, director of Student Life and the Davis Center.

"Do they get abused? Yes, but I think they're an important part of the safety net on

campus," Brown said.

According to campus Police Chief Gary Margolis, this is somewhat true — in his memory there has only been one activation during an actual emergency.

The first blue lights — then known as call boxes — were installed in 1984, mostly along

the Redstone pathway. At that time, there was no CATCard system so they doubled as phones for people trying to get into buildings.

"I think students in many ways drove the impetus to begin to increase the number of blue lights," said Bill Ballard, Associate Vice President for Administration and Faculty Services.

"The Student Action Committee told me that the fact that these types of systems were being developed around the country and that we should have one at UVM as well," Ballard said.

The Physical Plant department is responsible for maintaining the blue lights and testing them once a month.

"[Physical Plant] doesn't need pressure from the students to put more blue lights up," said Taylor. "They're pretty much constantly putting new ones up or upgrading them."

"Statistically, this campus has vastly better blue light coverage than most," Taylor added.

By the end of the month, three more blue lights will be installed on campus, in front of John Dewey, Jeanne Mance and Pearl House.

## Intervale, Burlington reach impasse on compost site

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field, enrich the soil, and then be moved to a different area.

As the operation grew, the Intervale decided to keep the compost pile in one place. "The Agency of Natural Resources went along with that (decision) at that time," Hammer said.

The Intervale had been storing leachate (runoff from compost) in swales and drainage ponds, however it has transferred this liquid to a waste-water treatment plant while it works with the state to design a system that will accommodate the liquid within the compost piles, the memo said.

The Intervale said they do not believe that they accepted too much food waste, but the confusion arose when large amounts of liquid food waste was included in a report as solid food waste. The Intervale has temporarily stopped taking solid food-waste and is waiting to hear from the State when it can resume this service.

The State is also investigating the allegation that the Intervale spread leachate on Tommy Thompson Community Gardens, which poses a significant health risk because of E. coli and other contaminants in the liquid.

The Intervale said, "We can categorically state that no leachate has ever been used to irrigate the Tommy Thompson Gardens or any fields cultivated with food intended for human consumption," and that

the leachate was spread on a fallow field behind the community garden.

The State is also requiring that the Intervale apply for an Act 250 permit, because it no longer qualifies as an agricultural operation.

According to the Department of Environmental Conservation the permitting process will provide a "public, quasi-judicial process for reviewing and managing the environmental, social and fiscal consequences" of the Intervale's land use.

The permitting process could be complicated because of Abenaki artifacts at the

**"If we disturbed any archaeological resources, it was 100 percent unintentional and we take full responsibility for it."**

**-Kit Perkins**  
Executive Director of the Intervale Center

composting site, and concerns that the operation at its current location is disrupting the valuable artifacts.

"If we disturbed any archaeological resources, it was 100% unintentional and we take full responsibility for it," Perkins said in a memo, "We are working...to gain a greater understanding of the archaeological significance of the land and to satisfy the concerns of all parties..."

The Intervale said it is con-



(Tom Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

The Intervale's compost production site (above) has garnered negative attention from state agencies.

tinuing to operate, produce, and sell compost as it works with the State to resolve the issues.

While they have temporarily discontinued accepting food waste, UVM's 5 tons of food-waste per week is temporarily being hauled to Hammer's Montpelier-based, Vermont Compost Company, Erica Spiegel, maintenance operations supervisor of the Physical Plant said.

According to Karl Hammer, there are alternatives to

the Intervale. Hammer suggested that Chittenden County shouldn't have a single centralized composting facility.

"There should be some done at the Intervale, but not all...that's not the right way to think of it."

Hammer also said that food waste should go towards making more food, as poultry feed, for example.

Landscape companies, gardeners, homeowners, garden centers and the Intervale's own 15 farmers depend on the

Intervale Composting Products, Eric Van Vlandren, Sales and education Coordinator for ICP said.

While they anxiously wait to hear the future of ICP, Van Vlandren said things are looking up.

Van Vlandren said that the Intervale does not anticipate being shut down in the next couple of years.

In the meantime, the letters of support are pouring in.

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Come out and write for us

Meetings are Monday, 7 p.m. in Lafayette 207.

Hope to see you there.



# Monteaux leading Greeks towards change

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLEY  
Senior Staff Writer

Pi Sigma Sigma sister Kim Monteaux, the advisor of Greek Life, openly shares her flaws as a sorority sister and her hopes to change Greek dynamics and stereotypes.

Monteaux grew up in Michigan in a lower class family. She was the first person in her family to graduate high school; she went off to North Michigan College, Monteaux said.

While when she first arrived at college, she hated it. Six weeks after arriving at college, she decided to attend formal recruitment and got into her favorite sorority.

"Going Greek 10 years ago got me where I am today," said Monteaux, "I wouldn't have graduated college if I didn't have those connections."

Monteaux recalls her sisters always being available to help her or point her in the direction she needed because they had experienced similar problems.

Though Monteaux's sisters assisted her in many ways, Monteaux also experienced and participated in questionable behaviors.

"I did experience some behaviors that would be hazing," said Monteaux. "These behaviors contribute to an environment that is not healthy."

Monteaux describes the hazing as mostly emotional. Her and her sisters would forced each to participate in trust activities, scavenger hunts and mind tricks.

"Eventually I realized what I was doing," said Monteaux. She brought the issue to the necessary people's attention. "To this day, there are still sisters who are mad about it."

Monteaux also kept many things secret while she was in her sorority. While she identifies herself as a Latina, she did not tell any of her sisters until her junior year.

Monteaux said that after immediately after revealing that she was a Latina (of Guatemalan descent), one of her sister's shared that she grew up in a trailer.

"There are many assumptions of who sorority women are and a lot of times those assumptions are 100 percent wrong," said Monteaux.

After graduating college, she went to grad school. She attended a speech by Ed King about living your ritual and making sure the values one

believes are the ones that they live out on a day to day basis, which is the most essential aspect of Greek Life.

Monteaux was inspired by this and worked with both Multi-cultural Greek organizations and Greek cultural organizations.

One of Monteaux's mentors at the multi-cultural Greek organization told her that she felt that Monteaux could make more of an impact by focusing most of her attention on traditions of Greek cultural organizations.

Monteaux interviewed around the country, but felt UVM was a "fantastic match". She liked how UVM values diversity.

She explained that the key difference between herself and her predecessor is that Monteaux was Greek and she was not.

"As a Greek woman, it is very important to find Greek role models," said Monteaux.

Monteaux is working on two key changes currently.

First, she made the shift from a "Greek system" to a "Greek community". Monteaux said that when she first arrived on campus none of the fraternities and sororities talked to each other.

"Overall it is going well, but it will take years," said Monteaux, "It is a 170 year old system and we need more collaboration".

Second, she wants more multi-cultural Greek letters on campus. She said it would benefit the University and cre-

**"Going Greek ten years ago got me where I am today."**

-Kim Monteaux  
Advisor to Greek Life,  
UVM

ate a more diverse campus.

Many students support Kim and think she is doing a good job as the new Greek advisor.

"I think Kim as done a great job really transforming the Greek community," said Josh Klein, a member of Sigma Phi Society.

"She has made a great effort pushing us forward in the right direction, but it will take a couple of years to see the changes in effect," Klein said.

Other students disagree. "I think Kim isn't doing a good job

actually," said Ryan Walker, a member of Sigma Phi Society, "When I came into it freshman year I think things were done much differently and for the better."

Though Walker enjoyed his meetings with Kim, he is critical of her leadership.

"I don't like for one thing is how we can't call it rush anymore ... it's recruitment. Also, she needs to realize that we are in college, and that we are going to have fun, and stop trying to get houses in trouble. I don't agree with Greek games being in the spring either."

"I think she needs to focus on the good things that Greek life represents and make them more visible because most people do have a negative idea about Greek life and I believe that it is just because of a lack of knowledge," Walker said.

Monteaux said that students used to be afraid of being Greek, but now they are coming out and wearing their letters proudly.

"I think that it is inspiring to know you are making a change," said Monteaux, "but when students get angry I know that is because they actually want to change things."

## Scholarship attracts new demographic for UVM

By TOM MORSE  
Cynic Correspondant

The Osher Reentry Scholarship Program is a need-based grant offered to students who are returning to college after a break from higher education.

The program is a branch of an independent foundation, started by Bernard Osher of California, in the interest of encouraging people to finish their degrees and providing the financial means to do so, according to the program's Web site.

"Mr. Osher is a very thoughtful and committed philanthropist," Chrysanne Chotas of the University's Office of Development and Alumni Relations said.

If a student has had to abandon his or her college hopes for personal or financial reasons, the scholarship can help them continue their college education, Chotas said.

She went on to say that the program was initially geared towards students who were at college but had to leave. Now it gives the same opportunity to students who graduated from high school or got their GED, but never entered college.

"This is the first major initiative that is designed to target these particular students," David Moss of the Admissions and Enrollment Department said. "I have no doubt that this will be successful."

One important aspect of the scholarship is that students must show financial need, Moss said. The FAFSA form for college students is a good indicator of who will be a worthy recipient, "but students do not have to prove their need through FAFSA," Chotas said.

Because the scholarship is designed to attract students to college who might not otherwise be able to afford it, the target group for this endowment is currently people who are applying for the spring semester, Moss said, but the University hopes to continue offering the scholarship for a long time.

The Reentry Scholarship is for full-time or part-time students with a goal of getting an undergraduate degree from UVM, and applicants are ideally between the ages of 25 and 50 with at least a five-year hiatus from school, according to the application.

The application requires about a half-page of personal information, and an essay of 300 words is required. The application is due by November 26.

Because the foundation would like to encourage as many people as possible to take advantage of the scholarship, the most likely scenario is that 25 applicants will receive a scholarship of \$2,000 for the spring semester, Chotas said.

Because of the \$2,000-per-student offer, the University will first consider those students who will be enrolled for at least six credits, Moss said, though this is not a requirement.

In addition to the Reentry Scholarship Program, The Bernard Osher Foundation funds the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes Program which is also offered at the University, as well as a number of different universities from Hawaii to Sweden, according to the program's Web site.

"The Osher Foundation is very interesting and different," Chotas said. "It's the easiest foundation to work with."

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

# Women's rights in Saudi Arabia

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A recent occurrence in Saudi Arabia has sparked major debate. A woman was shown driving her kids in a movie. Although a seemingly ordinary sight in the everyday lives of Americans, it reaches revolutionary proportions in a country where women have been denied driving rights for many years.

A woman's right to drive is a landmark in the battle for women's rights in modern-day Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia is an absolute monarchy governed by a royal family known as the House of Saud, which governs under Wahabist Islam - among the most rigid interpretations of Islam that exist today.

Until recently, women were denied divorce rights, the right to leave the house without the presence of a male relative and the right to leave the country.

Many recent concessions now allow women to own their own businesses, divorce their husbands and travel without a male escort.

A spike in women's presence in the Saudi workforce has spurred national debate over driving rights as the next feasible reform, and more importantly alter the role of women in Saudi society.

The primary reason that driving rights have become the focal point of the debate of women's rights in Saudi Arabia is due to the perception among Saudis that women driving would place them in the public eye like never before.

This both compromises the traditional women's role in the home and threatens to derail the conservative status quo that currently exists in Saudi Arabia, arguing that women not driving is a protection for them rather than a drawback as they would be subjected to

harassment.

The significance of such changes is global in scale. Many in the West note that such reform demonstrates the ability of the Islamic world to modernize its way of life through internal dissent and political activism, defeating the prevailing wisdom that Islamic governments are rigid and authoritarian in nature.

If Saudi Arabia, a key strategic ally politically, were to institute liberal reforms such as the few adopted of late on a wider scale, the political alliance among the two countries would be strengthened and legitimized.

Although any change takes time, they argue, no revolutionary change can transpire overnight, rather much like the women's rights movement in America, it requires decades of struggle and activism to change the prevailing political wisdom.

Skeptics of recent changes point to the denial of 1990 and

2006 driving rights petitions from women by the royal government along with women's lack of rights over dress and numerous other areas to call into question the genuine nature of the reforms.

The claim is that such reforms are just paper reforms, performed out of necessity, in this case allowing for increased female labor and corporate positions is in direct result to the spike in cost of living, requiring more Saudi women to work to support their families.

The overarching implications of reform can be interpreted in two ways in this country.

With American presence in the Middle East justified partly as a liberation of oppressed people throughout the region a consequence of Saudi reform could debunk this idea that the United States need assume the role of liberator for the region.

The other side of the coin reads recent events as exemplifying positive change in a country closely allied with the United States, which has orchestrated minor attempts for reforms to be implemented.

No longer, some say, would the economic partnerships and political alliance of the two sides be viewed in such a negative light, as the U.S. claim could become that the Saudis are a country moving towards freedom.

All this being said, Saudi women have a long uphill battle and to say that revolutionary changes are about to take hold is a bit premature.

Stoning women for adultery, segregationist sex policies and major social restrictions hamper many women in everyday life.

However, as stated earlier, if change is to happen for better or for worse, it needs time.

## RED CROSS

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lowing ARC's request, according to a statement on the agency's Web site.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, sexually active gay males made up more than 68 percent of all men with HIV in 2005, and represented 71 percent of new cases in male adolescents and adults.

The SGA resolution is sponsored by sophomore Senator John Colin Quinn.

"The Red Cross is discriminating against homosexual males," Quinn said. "I want a ban because their policy is blatantly against our non-discrimination policies regarding sexual orientation."

"It's frustrating to know that people may die because of bigotry in our government which, ironically enough, prides itself on the freedom and equality of people," freshman Senator Tyler Van Backer

said.

Senator Jay Taylor, chair of the Student Action Committee, said he could not support the legislation as it is written. "It seems senseless to me to punish the Red Cross for abiding by a policy of the FDA," he said.

Taylor said that Quinn should split the existing resolution into two separate bills; one stating that the FDA's regulation is not in accordance with University policy, the other that the regulation is scientifically unwarranted and in conflict with United States discrimination laws and University ideals.

"The resolution takes on too much," Taylor said. "With one resolution we hope to point out the ARC's incompliance with 'Our Common Ground', remove them from our campus, change their policy which is based on the FDA's recommendation, and change the FDA recommendation."

SGA President Kesha Ram said the resolution "wrongly

places blame and assigns undue punishment."

Senior senator Jesse Bragg, chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity & Environmental Ethics said he agreed with the underlying values of the resolution, "but I question the benefits of its outcome," he said.

Sophomore Senator Kate Ash said she is concerned that a vote in favor of the resolution would not adequately rep-

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resent the student body, because most students have not been adequately informed on the issue.

Other senators said they are waiting until Tuesday's debate before staking a clear position on the issue. Senator Scott McCarty, senior and chair of the

Committee on Legislative Action, said he thinks Tuesday's vote will be close.

Junior Rachel Rosenberg, president of UVM Free To Be, will testify at Tuesday's meeting. "We need to come to an agreement on how to respect people on campus and to adhere to UVM legislation while helping an important organization do their job," she said.

The President's Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Equity (LBGT) extended their support for the SGA resolution last week. The commission first voiced concerns about on-campus ARC blood drives in 2005, according to a written statement from the commission.

In March 2006, UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel responded to the LBGT commission stating that he does not support a decision to ban ARC blood drives from campus, but does support a change in federal policy.

"I am very impressed with

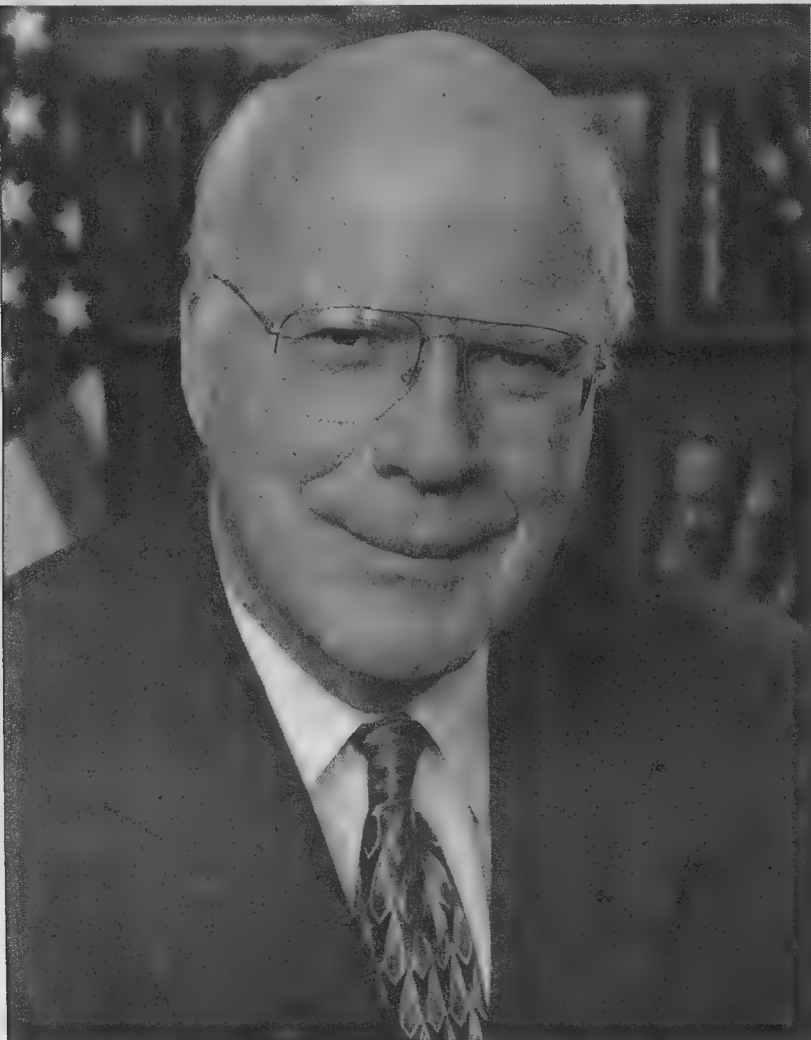
the active advocacy the Red Cross has undertaken to change FDA regulations that do not allow many members of our community to donate blood," Fogel said. "At the same time, I understand how deeply members of the community are affronted by Red Cross compliance with the FDA protocols."

The ARC is currently only permitted to use the Waterman Building and Patrick Gymnasium to conduct on-campus blood drives, due to the protocol that categorically excludes gay men from donating blood, Fogel said in a written statement.

The University of Maine General Student Senate passed a similar resolution banning ARC on-campus blood drives in 2005. The body repealed the ban several months later however, following ARC attempts to modify the FDA policy, according to meeting minutes.

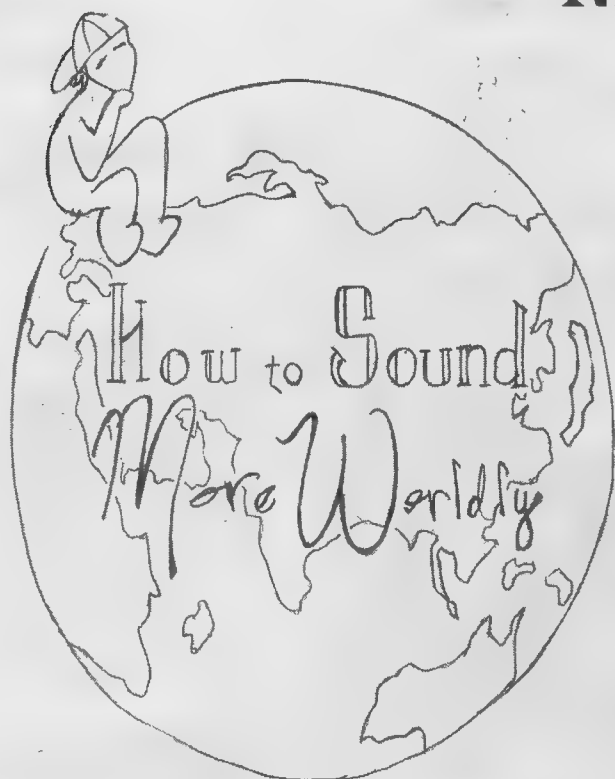
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# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## German troops to stay in Iraq

German Parliament voted last Friday to keep up to 3,500 troops and six reconnaissance jets in Iraq for another year. Despite polls showing Germans being slightly opposed to the mission, Chancellor Angela Merkel cites the importance of military opposition to threats beyond German borders. The troops are part of a larger NATO force of 41,000.

## French crooks make it big

Robbers made away with over \$28 million of jewelry from a Harry Winston boutique near the Champs-Élysées early last week. French authorities say that this is by far the largest heist in Paris in recent years and are disseminating information to track down the thieves.

## Gore, IPCC win Peace Prize

Former Vice President Al Gore was awarded the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize for his work on climate change. Gore shares the distinction with the UN-based Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, who were awarded the prize last Friday in Oslo, Norway.

## U.S. criticized over missile defense

Russian President Vladimir Putin was critical of American plans for developing a missile defense system in Central Europe based on a threat that has not yet materialized. Ms. Rice and Mr. Gates invited Russia to join the US and NATO as partners in a defense system designed to protect all of Europe.

## Tata Motors to start trend in low-budget cars

Tata Motors, an India-based automaker has just announced the production of a \$2,500 car beginning next fall. The ultra-affordable vehicle aims to tap into India's growing car market that is now only second to China. Other automakers such as Skoda, Renault and Toyota are expected to respond with their own versions of small, cheap cars.

## Radiohead: 'pay what you want'

Radiohead released their newest album, entitled "In Rainbows," online this week. The band, who are no longer contractually obliged to recording label EMI, is asking for listeners to establish a monetary value for the album and pay that price for it online. The album is Digital Rights Management (DRM) free and a CD version is slated for release in upcoming months.

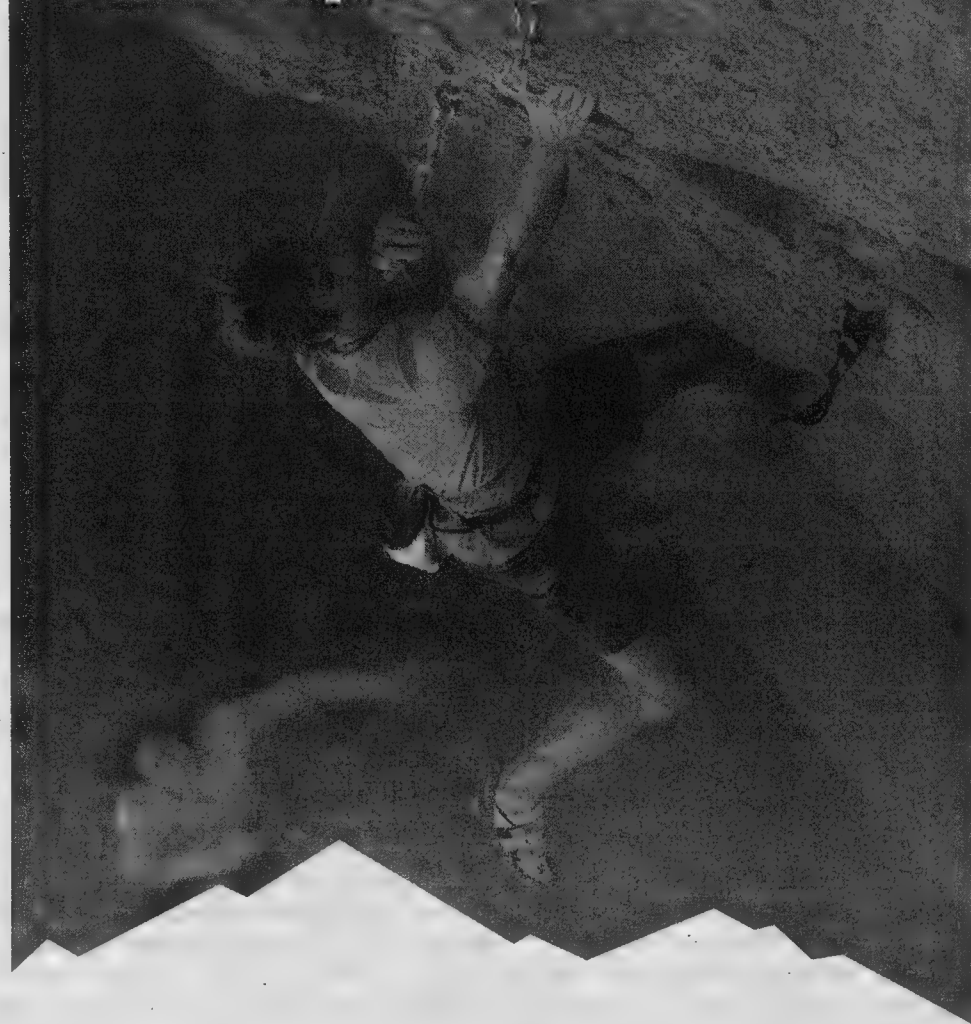
## Infant cold meds pulled from shelves

Medicine makers such as Wyeth and Johnson & Johnson have pulled over-the-counter infant cold medicines from stores this week due to reports of misuse by parents leading to overdose. This voluntary withdrawal comes after an FDA recommendation that the medicine not be sold or marketed for use for children under six.

## Google speculates social networking site

Google Chief Executive Eric Schmidt announced at a Google conference the company's interest in starting a social networking site. According to Schmidt, the site would include a "social graph", akin to a more developed version of that on Facebook. Reports suggest that the site may use the social graph as open data for other companies' research. The site is expected to launch within the next year.

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## Jena 6 teen back to prison

Mychal Bell, one of the black "Jena 6" teens charged with the attempted manslaughter of a white student is back in jail on an unrelated charge. Bell, 17, violated probation on two counts of simple battery and two counts of criminal destruction of property, according to a Louisiana district judge. Bell will spend 18 months in prison for the charges.

## Mom buys weapons for 14-year-old

Authorities in Norristown, Pa. have charged Michele Cossey, 46, with unlawful transfer of firearms and corruption of a minor after she allegedly bought a handgun and two rifles for her 14-year-old son. The son was found to have a weapons cache, a bomb-making book, and videos of the 1999 Columbine shooting in his room and was allegedly planning a shooting at nearby Plymouth Whitmarsh High School.

## Flyers forward suspended

The NHL suspended Philadelphia Flyers forward Jesse Boulerice for 25 games last Friday for crosschecking Vancouver Canuck Ryan Kesler during the Flyers' 8-2 win over the Canucks last Wednesday. Kesler was not seriously injured.

## American dental health in decay

The Centers for Disease Control has just released information that shows that 27 to 29 percent of American adults have untreated cavities, the highest it has been since the 1980's. This has prompted the American Dental Association to lobby dental hygienists and non-dentists to provide care to those who are unable to access professional help.



## Disturbing quote of the week:

**"What do Al Gore, Yasser Arafat and that crazy Jimmy Carter have in common?"**

-Steeve Doocy of Fox News on Al Gore's Nobel Prize win.

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## An issue fit for Congress

The biggest item on this Tuesday's SGA agenda is not only the biggest issue it will face that night, but the biggest issue it will probably face this year or has faced in recent memory.

Our student representatives will be voting on a resolution to ban the American Red Cross (ARC) from campus for upholding a long-standing Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policy that prohibits men from donating blood if they have had sex with another man at any point since 1977.

The proposed resolution considers this policy to be discriminatory and as such, standing against University and SGA policy.

The ARC has said it is held to this policy — which was instituted in 1983 to help keep HIV-positive blood out of the blood supply — by the FDA.

In a *Cynic* article published May 1, 2007, a spokesperson for the ARC's Burlington chapter, Carol Dembeck, articulated their situation: "We would be put out of business by FDA if we didn't follow the policy. FDA is the law

of the land — our hands are tied."

We, like those backing the resolution, many opponents of the resolution and even the ARC, view the FDA policy as antiquated and in need of questioning.

The policy is now almost 25 years old, and with advances in technology and HIV/AIDS research, a reevaluation of the policy is warranted.

Simply put, an SGA resolution banning the ARC from using campus facilities does not properly address the issue.

The ARC should not be punished for policies that it does not set but by which it has to abide. It is our view that they deserve to use campus facilities because of all the good work they do in communities everywhere. Banning them from using our campus would be disrespectful and inappropriate.

The real problem lies with the FDA policy. While it stands, we feel it should be adhered to but that, again, we feel further questioning is a ne-

cessity.

We respect the FDA's work because it exists to better our health and safety, but we should also ask for a constant reappraisal of their information and inclusion of additional research.

We consider this a much larger issue — one more appropriate for the halls of Congress — but commend SGA nonetheless for raising awareness. It is our sincere hope that the discussion here can be a catalyst for serious, sustained debate across the nation.

The SGA should be applauded for their active role as a forum for this discussion; the upcoming meeting will have a panel discussion, open to the public, including HIV specialists, community members and representatives from the ARC and the UVM administration.

And we hope the discourse will remain informative, objective and civil.

## Respecting our community

To the unappreciative abusers of UVM's housekeepers:

We know you're out there.

We've heard you laugh as you brag to your friends about how you puked all over the bathroom last weekend.

We've seen you clog dorm kitchen sinks because you don't care about your pasta going down the drain.

We are asking you to, please, be conscious of your actions.

We're talking about the few individuals that go to UVM who have no respect or compassion for the people that make this school what it is.

These ungrateful people do exist at UVM and even though they may not be large in number, they're generating a lot of grief for the rest of us.

Last Sunday, a postcard created by a UVM student concerning our student body's attitudes towards our janitorial staff was posted to the Web blog "Post Secret."

This anonymous student wrote, "The greatest lesson I learned at The University of Vermont came from seeing how my white peers treat the house-keepers. Nothing has disgust-

ed me and inspired me more."

The Web blog was started by artist Frank Warren as an art installation in D.C. and has since exploded nationwide with over 3,000 submissions.

His compilations of purged secrets have been published into three books and he updates his blog weekly.

The fact that he chose the card relating this startling message can be called nothing less than a wake up call to this university.

UVM does work hard, harder than most schools, to put out an image of open-mindedness and universal tolerance towards race, religion and sexual orientation. Compared to other schools across the country, we are also unique in our acceptance of individuality.

What we fail to remember is just because we are such a progressive school does not mean we don't have more work to do. We should be aware of when students feel strongly enough about a social issue to try to make it known.

Let's think about this. We're located in the second whitest state in the nation. Our campus is not exactly a

model of diversity.

A good portion of us grew up in sheltered suburbia and don't understand the difficulties of a cleaning staff.

When these sheltered or ungrateful students encounter someone of a different socio-economic class working around them at the same time every morning as they exit the shower, they often tend to feel awkward and uneasy.

But that uneasiness sometimes turns into aggression when they don't know how to react. At its worst, this cycle leads to pure disrespect.

We're not making excuses for these people — it is important to understand where everyone is coming from.

So instead of making fun of the grumpy Eastern European man that cleans up after you, maybe smile the next time you pass him in the hall.

Remember, you're in college. It is time to start taking responsibility for your own actions and learn more about the world around you.



JULIA MICHEL

## Shhh, listen ...

It's been about two months since I said goodbye to Mommy and Daddy and I became a real-life college girl. And in those two months, I've learned a few things.

Leonardo's Pizza keeps for two days, and that's only if you refrigerate it.

Coffee doesn't replace sleep.

And no, you're not the only person on the planet to listen to Yonder Mountain String Cheese Jam Band.

But hey, everyone knows college is a learning process. In fact, Mark Twain put it perfectly: "One should never let school get in the way of education."

For the record, he probably didn't quantify sexual promiscuity or drug experimentation as "education," but you know what I mean.

On a more serious note, since arriving at UVM, I've learned a lot in my classes. But I think I've learned even more about people — specifically, about listening to them.

A friend confided in me that his father physically abuses him. Two weeks ago, a girl told me that a Saturday night on the town ended with a call to the rape hotline. Just today, a good friend came out of the closet.

Not to make my life sound like an episode of "Desperate Housewives" or anything, but the point is that listening in class isn't the only type of listening a college student does.

See, we're just not taught how to do that type of listening. Professor announces a new formula? Cool, I'll just make a note in my Five-Star.

But what about when Friend says he's gay?

In all three cases, when these acquaintances shared their secrets, I was dumbstruck. Flabbergasted, even.

Why did they choose to divulge such personal information to me? What could I do? What should I do?

I think what most of us grapple with is when to speak up and when to just sit back and listen. And after listening, we deliberate how to act, or even if we should at all. At least for me, that's been the most important — and ongoing — lesson that I've learned from college.

It's obviously important to listen in anthro and hem and when your roommate tells you to call before coming home because she's having someone over. But it's also important to really listen to our friends, even if we don't really know the best way to deal with the sometimes sensitive and personal information we've just been given.

Mommy and Daddy, my midterms sucked, so sorry in advance that I'm not getting an A in English. But maybe I'll get an A in College Studies.

JEREMY SPIRO-WINN

## Devout atheism

I find belief in God exceedingly difficult to accept.

To me, there is nothing characteristically different in faith in a greater power more than any other supersition. They are equally untestable, unreasoning, and downright unscientific.

We humans are greater, more impressive beings than any other on the planet solely because we have inherited the unparalleled ability to reason.

It is the unequalled capacity of our minds that has given us the ability to travel to the moon, split the atom and begin unraveling the secrets of our origin. Without it, you wouldn't be able to read this

article.

But when we choose to believe in something like a god, we throw that reason away; in a sense, compromising our humanity.

Our species should be above this.

Our focus should lie not in appeasing some dreamed-up being in the sky, or attaining bliss after our bodies have perished, but in using our reason to create a more balanced, harmonious world here on Earth.

Some theists contend that, without religion, without a fear of the afterlife, we cannot do this, we cannot be moral beings. Without faith we would all be running around

naked raping and killing one another at will.

Yet, in practice, the opposite seems to be true. I need not point out the countless numbers that have suffered, and continue to suffer, on behalf of organized religions of all sort.

But can you name a crusade or oppressive regime inspired by atheism?

This is not to say that all, or even most, religions will necessarily inspire acts of violence, but that people should not feel that they need it to do acts of good.

If we dispel this notion, we throw away countless justifications for evils like ideologically driven killings,

oppression of homosexuals and other minorities and the condemnation of other beliefs which could not exist without faith in the supernatural.

If we cease needing religious belief to compel us to do good things we can find humanity more meaningfully united in peace and reason, and will find ourselves reliant not on the weaknesses of our spirit and superstition, but on the strength of our greatest reason.

The human condition would be better suited by our taking support and comfort in each other than in the dreamed-up love of dreamed-up gods.

## Letters to the Editor

### The death of a moose

On Sept. 25, a moose was shot and killed by Vt. Fish and Wildlife on Mansfield Avenue.

After reading the article in last week's *Cynic*, it is obvious that some of the people being quoted are speaking from their emotions, rather than fact or knowledge of the situation.

The Fish and Wildlife's decision to put the animal down was by far the most logical choice. Speak to any wildlife biologist — they will tell you the same thing.

According to the *Burlington Free Press*, the animal was an 800-pound bull moose. If this animal were to be startled, even by something as simple as a door slamming, it could wreak havoc on anything in the surrounding area — cars, pets, even people.

Between the end of September and early October, moose are beginning to enter their rutting period — the time when they mate with females. This makes them do things they normally wouldn't do — such as entering large cities, or people's back yards.

It also makes them extremely unpredictable.

Even if the officers had had enough tranquilizer with them, there is a lag time of almost 4 minutes between when the dart enters the animal and when it is completely incapacitated.

The shock of a large needle striking the moose's body could easily have set it off, making it charge anything near it.

Saying that the Fish and Wildlife Department "wanted the easy solution" is far from correct. Butchering and packaging a moose is much harder and more time consuming than simply moving it to another location.

What is even worse is to say "a nine pellet buckshot does not kill an animal." Each one of those 9 pellets is larger than a .30 caliber rifle round — meaning each pellet is more than .30 inches in diameter. Shooting a moose in the head, even once, is the equivalent of 9 .30 caliber rifle rounds hitting it in the brain. This is more than enough to kill it: any movement seen after such a shot, much like a chicken being able to run in circles after its head is removed, is simply the result of nerves twitching in the body.

I realize that people are going to disagree with the destruction of this animal, simply on principle, but please realize that a moose isn't just a big, furry, fun thing to look at.

If it feels cornered, gets startled or becomes agitated, it could easily gore or trample any human in its path, as well as destroy cars or property.

Putting it down was not the easiest way out, but rather the safest for everyone, and everything, in the vicinity.

Sincerely,  
Neal Foster, '09

### Little things

Malcolm Gladwell, author of "the Tipping Point" writes about how little things can make a big difference.

We've all heard the saying that when a butterfly flaps its wings, it changes the weather somewhere else. Even if we don't believe in such a direct link between a butterfly and the weather, we have all had experiences where small things did in fact have a big impact on our lives.

I often tell my students that if you pay attention to the little day-to-day things like listening and participating in class, reading the book, doing the homework, then the big things (i.e. exams) will take care of themselves.

A good example of how small things had a big impact was with our old secretary, Gail.

Two years ago, the new administration in engineering decided to take our college back about forty years and institute a secretarial pool.

They claimed reasons such as efficiency, but misunderstood that human efficiency is intricately linked with job satisfaction.

Or maybe they did understand and wanted to exert some control, change for change sake, to show who was boss.

Almost everyone was against Gail's move; the faculty, students and especially Gail.

She had been a valued member of our department for 13 years and did all the little things for both students and faculty that kept things running smoothly and made our jobs easier.

The problem was when we complained to the administration that we needed Gail with us most of the reasons we gave were little things. She helped the faculty in a hundred little ways.

She helped students in a hundred little ways.

What everyone failed to realize, even most of us at the time, was that these little things had a huge impact on the big things, like faculty morale, a sense of community between

students and faculty and Gail's own job satisfaction.

Gail left UVM this past summer, and although she wasn't officially forced out, there was a lot of covert arm-twisting.

While the administration might have felt Gail's leaving was better in the long run (Gail could be outspoken at times), I now realize that 15 years of institutional memory has left UVM.

As ABET accreditation of our programs looms in the horizon, I realize how much we are going to need that memory, but I lament the loss of community within our department the most.

Gail was the glue who held us together, and without that glue, the sense of community and family is unraveling.

There is a line from an advertisement that seems especially fitting, "It takes strong families to make strong communities."

It may be that our administration thinks it needs to break down departmental families in order to make a stronger engineering school, but in fact, the opposite is occurring.

Without unified satisfied departmental units, there can never be a unified satisfied larger group.

In this time of "biggering" at the University, when the trend is toward the large, impersonal and often adversarial, the administration (at all levels) needs to step back and start paying attention to the small things, like cultivating respect for faculty/staff and these people's needs for having independence and autonomy within their jobs.

If the administration could do a better job with that, I'm convinced that the majority of big things they worry about (i.e. faculty/staff productivity, sense of community at UVM, student recruitment/retention) would take care of themselves.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Hayden, Associate Professor

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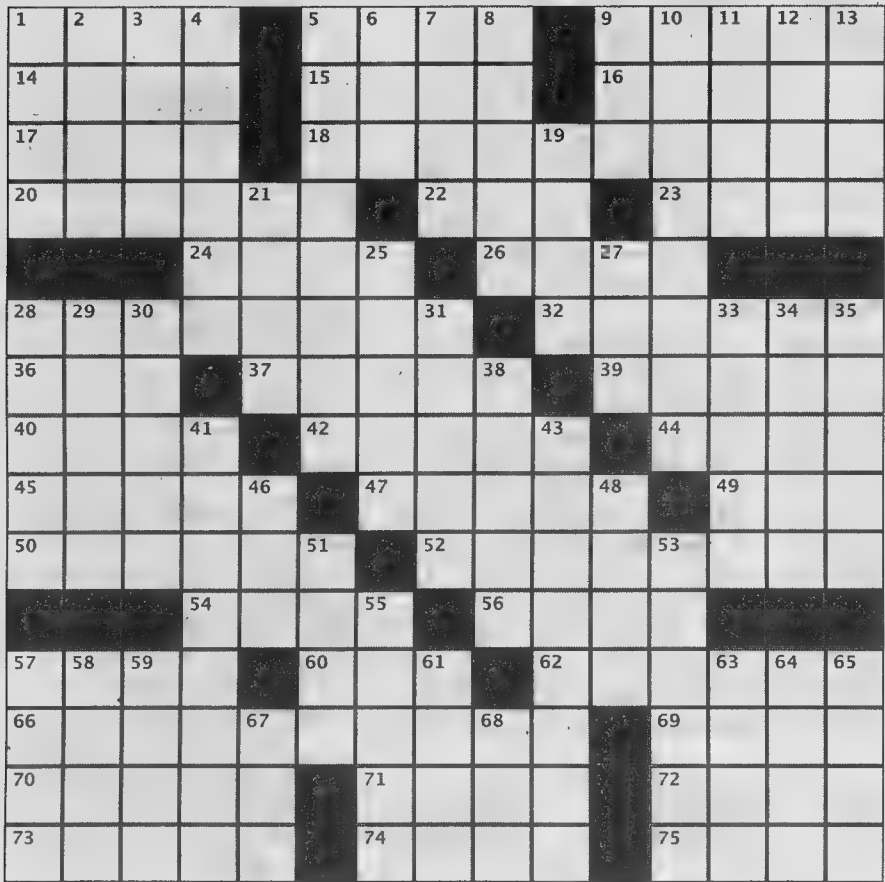
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### ACROSS

- 1- Swing to and fro
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- 14- Persian fairy
- 15- DEA agent
- 16- Craze
- 17- Sheltered, nautically
- 18- Completely
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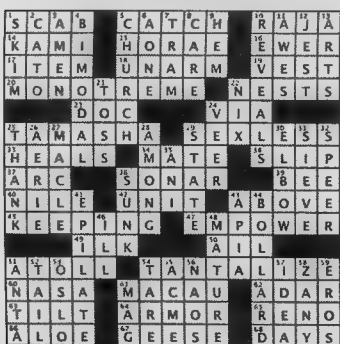
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- 40- River which empties into the Baltic Sea
- 42- Saltpeter
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- 45- Tendon
- 47- Crescents
- 49- Beverage made with beaten eggs
- 50- Inn
- 52- Undue display of learning
- 54- Hollow grass
- 56- Roused
- 57- Distinctive quality
- 60- Help, resource
- 62- Stops
- 66- Bubonic plague
- 69- Hind part
- 70- Join
- 71- Family portrait?
- 72- Soft cheese
- 73- Aromatic herb
- 74- Prophet
- 75- American football measure

- 9- Darya (Asian river)
- 10- Aquatic rodent
- 11- Once more
- 12- Vex
- 13- 24 hour periods
- 19- Foliage unit
- 21- Sworn thing
- 25- Smith's block
- 27- Electrically charged atom
- 28- High-school freshman
- 29- Electromagnetic telecommunication
- 30- Unfolds
- 31- Outfit
- 33- Huge
- 34- Mistake
- 35- Sharp
- 38- Continue a subscription
- 41- Withdraws
- 43- Pigment
- 46- Very small
- 48- Japanese rice wine
- 51- Bullets, slangily
- 53- Close at hand
- 55- Eats to a plan
- 57- Adjoin
- 58- Human bone, located in the arm
- 59- Shower
- 61- Venture
- 63- Chapter of the Koran
- 64- Islamic chieftain
- 65- Rushed, drove too fast
- 67- Lock opener
- 68- Peg used on the first in golf
- 59- Greek god of love
- 61- Periodical, briefly

### DOWN

- 1- Petty quarrel
- 2- Commendably
- 3- Neighborhood
- 4- Cedes
- 5- Idleness
- 6- Taxi
- 7- Formerly, formerly
- 8- Ladle

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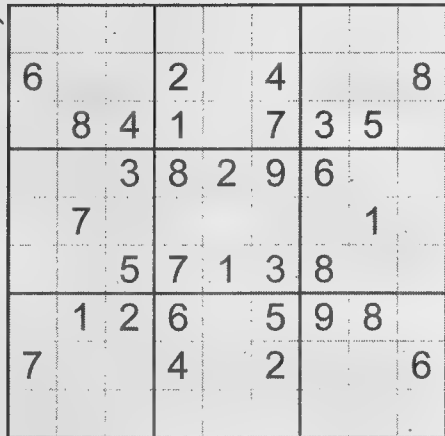


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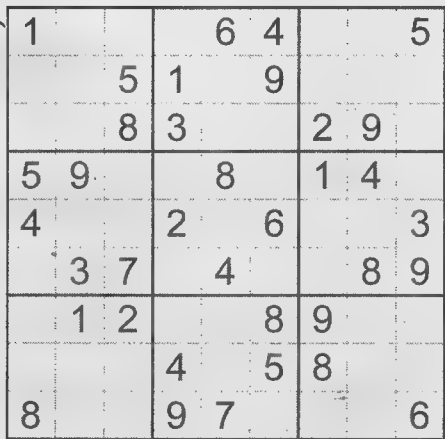
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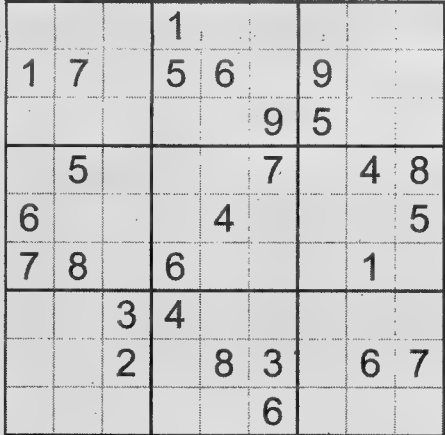
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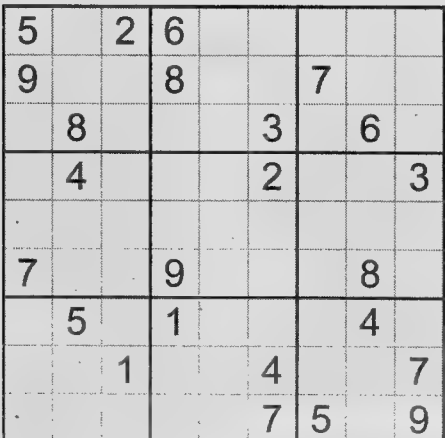
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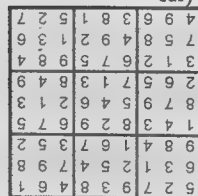
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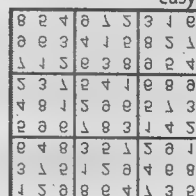
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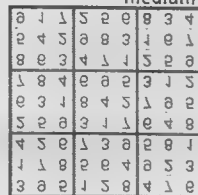
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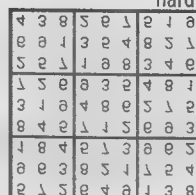
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## The Odd Couple

BY SAKI ZIWICH

SO JEREMY, DID YOU HEAR THAT  
UYM GOT A DRUG-SNIFFING  
PUPPY?

YEAH...

KINDA MAKES YOU WONDER  
WHAT THAT DOG'S DRUG-  
SNIFFING ADOLESCENCE IS  
GOING TO BE LIKE.

HERE IT COMES...

CAUSE I REMEMBER WHAT  
MY DRUG-SNIFFING  
ADOLESCENCE WAS LIKE

GOOD ONE.





## Men's basketball aims to improve 25-8 season

By KAT WILLIAMS

Senior Staff Writer

The main question for this year's men's basketball team is who will take charge in the center of the paint?

The team comes off an incredible 2006-2007 season of 25-8 with high rank in the America East for 2007-2008.

"We need to make up for the experience, rebounding and interior defense we lost with the graduation of Chris [Holm] and Martin [Kilmes]," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "We will be a much smaller team than the last two seasons."

The Cats will rely on senior Timothy McCroy, junior Colin McIntosh and sophomore Marqus Blakely to step up in the middle.

The inside players will have some big shoes to fill to account for the lost contributions of Holm (12.2 rebounds per game — the second most in the nation) and Klimes (4.4 rpg).

The loss of sophomore Joe

Trapani, who transferred to Boston College, whose 11.4 ppg and 4.4 rpg will leave another hole in the Cats' offense.

Junior captain Mike Trimboli, along with seniors Kyle Cieplicki, Chad Powlovich and sophomore Nick Vier are going to be key parts of the offense.

The first part of the schedule is going to be the most difficult as the team will play the two-time National Champions the Florida Gators and DI powerhouses Virginia and George Mason.

UVM's first league game falls in the beginning of January against Binghamton.

"The league is wide open this season," Lonergan said. "We can challenge again for the championship."

If the incoming freshmen and returners rise up to the challenging schedule ahead, the Cats will have another successful year.

"Eight of our first 10 games are on the road," Lonergan said. "I expect we should be a much better team by late January than we are right now."

## Women's basketball shoots for success with a young team

By IBI TARIQ

Senior Staff Writer

Vermont's women's basketball team looks to get in the 'W' column early and often this year, in hopes of conquering the America East, bettering last year's third place finish.

The Cats enter the season as a young, but highly talented team. Returning to the floor are guards Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos, who finished 1-2 in scoring last year for the Catamounts — as freshmen.

The dynamic duo will work with senior co-captain and guard Sara Fenton. Fenton, who won the teams' Sixth Man Award last year, is one of only two seniors on the team, with forward Nicole Trott.

Adding to the depth at the guard position is junior Amy Rosenkrantz, who shot 47.8 percent from the field last year and averaged 5.8 ppg.

In the center position is junior Andrea Cihal, who tallied 5.5 rebounds per game and 30 blocked shots for the Cats last year.

Junior co-captain Sarah Madey's story earned a spot on the team her freshman year as a walk-on.

"We are really excited that Sara Fenton and Sarah Madey were elected captains," head coach Sharon Dawley said. "It was obvious in the voting process that their teammates felt the two of them will lead us to a successful season."

Vermont opens up its regular season with two away games, squaring off against UMass on Nov. 9 and Holy Cross on Nov. 11.

The Cats open at home on Nov. 7 for the TD Banknorth Classic.



## Men's hockey hits the ice as a team

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer

In the words of sophomore forward Colin Vock, the success of the UVM men's hockey team this season will be determined by how closely they adhere to the pledge "treat every game like it's our last."

With only three seniors on the roster, the promise holds true as head coach Kevin Sneddon and the Cats search for a way to overcome the loss of Torrey Mitchell to the NHL and defenseman Ryan Gunderson and Kenny Macaulay to graduation.

Known for exceptional team defense — 2.11 GAA since the start of 2004 — UVM will rely heavily upon the continued commitment to a strong work ethic and sacrifice.

"Blocking shots isn't all that fun, but the guys are willing to do that for each other," Sneddon said. "We've kind of built a culture within our program now that is based on doing it for the guy next to you."

This year's Cats hope to better their 18-16-5 (12-10-5 Hockey East) record of last season with the return of 17 lettermen. In addition, nine highly skilled freshmen recruits join the club.

"We may not have a Torrey Mitchell right now, but we have a lot of guys who have improved and a lot of great talent coming into our program," Sneddon said.

Offsetting the loss of Mitchell is a plethora of

returning forwards. Highlighting the balanced attack are junior assistant captains Dean Strong and Corey Carlson along with the dynamic sophomore trio of Brayden Irwin, Viktor Stalberg and Vock.

On the blue line, the Cats welcome back senior captain Mark Lutz, senior Slavomir Tomko and sophomore Patrick Cullity.

Most importantly, UVM returns senior goaltender Joe Fallon. The anchor of the defense, Fallon enters his final season as the program's all-time leader in GAA (1.95), save percentage (.916) and shutouts (17).

"Bottom line is to win a championship you have to have a great goalie and we're fortunate we have [one]," Sneddon said.

Sneddon is confident that his returning players have the heart, work ethic and skill necessary to succeed as a cohesive unit.

"We have to find that balance between scoring more goals and maintaining our great team defense," Sneddon said. "I feel we are as close to doing that with this group of young men as we ever have been."

Embarking on the 2007-2008 season, the Cats look to take their recent success — 57 victories over the past three years — to new heights.

The architect of the "team first" mentality, Sneddon will rely on consistent team efforts more than ever. Lucky for the fifth-year coach, his players are up to the challenge.

"I think all the guys on our team are expecting production out of themselves," Lutz said. "They've worked hard over the summer and they're ready to go."

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## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

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After finishing last season at the bottom of the conference, UVM is making a rapid turnaround.

Senior captains and forwards Kate Lesniak, Karen Sentoff and Caroine Donahue provide experience and leadership to a team that features many freshmen.

Lesniak has provided the most firepower for the Catamounts so far, scoring four goals and three assists.

"We have a lot of returners who came back in better shape and ready to compete," head coach Tim Bothwell said.

Last season's team MVP, forward Chelsea Furlani, returns to lead a group of promising sophomores.

Rounding out this group of talented sophomores are forward Brittany Nelson, a transfer from Providence of whom Bothwell said, "has a great work ethic," defender Jackie Thode and goalie Kristen Olychuck, who have helped hold opponents

to three goals in three games.

The Cats' front line is on fire so far this season, thanks in large part to the experienced play of Sarah Smiddy, who has two goals on the season.

A cast of freshmen will provide a real spark for the Catamounts this season, headlined by Saleah Morrison, who recorded a goal and two assists in Saturday's win over Union.

Joining Morrison in the freshman class are forwards Teddy Fortin and Molly Morrison, who have combined for nine points so far on the season.

The Cats rolled through their two-game homestand against Union this weekend, and narrowly missed shutting out the Dutchwomen for the weekend.

UVM finished the series outscoring Union 8-1 and now have their sights set on next weekend's series at Cornell.

"This has been a really good weekend, but we face a bigger challenge next weekend," Bothwell said. "We are much better equipped this year, and if we play well at the right times, we can be right there in the playoff mix."

## Swimming and diving splash into '08

By MIKE MURPHY

Cynic Correspondent

Head coach Gerry Cournoyer and the swimming and diving team have been improving every year since 2000 and this year is expected to be no different.

With scheduled meets against Boston College, UConn and West Point, Cournoyer said he hopes to challenge the depth of this year's team.

Last year's team excelled in particular events, but the inclusion of 19 freshmen this season has added balance and Cournoyer hopes that will create more consistency across the board.

Freshman Kate Weaver has already made an impact on the team. In her first collegiate meet, a 77-36 win over Stony Brook, Weaver

broke two freshman and one varsity record.

"Kate is a very talented swimmer that [is expected to] become one of the top swimmers in the conference," Cournoyer said.

Assistant coach Earl Foreman joins the 2007-2008 team and Cournoyer said he is a great addition, whose strong work ethic and passion will instill a willingness to work hard for the entire team.



Saturday's unscored UConn Invitational was "a great opportunity to showcase [the team's] ability," Cournoyer said. It was a chance to view the girls' strengths and weaknesses in competition without a lot of stress.

Cournoyer is confident and the team is talented, seeming poised to take on the challenge of tougher opponents this year.

## Last Week

Tuesday, October 9 –  
Monday, October 15

Wednesday, October 10

Men's Soccer vs. UNH

— Win

Vermont: 2-1 - 3

New Hampshire: 1-0 - 1

Friday, October 12

Women's Hockey vs. Union

— Win

Vermont: 2-0-2 - 4

Union: 0-0-0 - 0

Men's Hockey @ Miami (Ohio)

— Loss

Vermont: 0-0-1 - 1

Miami (OH): 0-0-2 - 2

Saturday, October 13

Field Hockey vs. UNH

— Win

Vermont: 2-1 - 3

New Hampshire: 0-0 - 0

Women's Hockey vs. Union

— Win

Vermont: 1-1-2 - 4

Union: 0-0-1 - 1

Men's Soccer @ Stony Brook

— OT Loss

Vermont: 0-0-0 - 0

Union: 0-0-1 - 1

Men's Hockey @ Miami (OH)

— Loss

Vermont: 0-1-0 - 1

Miami (OH): 2-2-0 - 4

Sunday, October 14

Women's Soccer vs. UNH

— Win

Vermont: 0-1 - 1

UNH: 2-1-3

## Conference Standings

### America East Field Hockey

Albany- (3-0) Overall - (12-3)

Boston University- (3-0) Overall

(12-4)

Vermont - (2-1) Overall - (10-5)

New Hampshire - (1-2) Overall - (7-8)

Maine- (0-3) Overall - (4-10)

Fairfield- (0-3) Overall (3-13)

### America East Men's Soccer

Binghamton - (2-1-0) Overall -

(9-3-0)

UMBC - (2-1-0) Overall - (6-4-2)

Hartford - (1-0-1) Overall - (6-3-2)

Albany - (1-0-1) Overall - (2-7-2)

Stony Brook - (1-1-1) Overall -

(7-4-2)

Boston University - (1-1-0)

Overall - (7-5-0)

Vermont- (1-2-0) Overall - (4-9-0)

New Hampshire - (0-1-2) Overall -

(3-4-5)

Maine - (0-2-1) Overall - (2-9-1)

### America East Women's Soccer

Stony Brook (4-0-1) Overall - (7-2-4)

Boston University - (4-0-0) Overall

- (7-5-2)

New Hampshire - (4-1-0) Overall -

(8-5-1)

Hartford - (2-0-2) Overall - (4-5-4)

Maine - (2-1-1) Overall - (4-5-3)

Binghamton - (1-3-0) Overall -

(2-9-2)

Albany - (1-4-0) Overall - (4-7-3)

Vermont - AE - (0-4-0) Overall -

(1-12-1)

UMBC- (0-5-0) Overall - (1-11-2)



## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

A column by The Vermont Cynic Sports Staff

Good Week/Month for the Rockies  
By DAKOTA RUBIN



The hottest team in baseball is on an unprecedented, 19-1 winning streak dating back to Sept. 16.

It started with a 13-0 win against Florida and has seen Colorado outscore their opponents 126-62.

The most telling win in the stretch came on Friday in a 3-2, 11-inning victory to give the Rockies a 2-0 lead in the NLCS.

Bad Week for Limas Sweed  
By NICK DECARO



The senior wideout for the Texas Longhorns is done for the year as he is scheduled to have wrist surgery.

Sweed, who is ranked number two in school history for his 20 career TD catches, has been battling the injury since pre-season.

This injury could cripple Texas' already disappointing season, only 0-2 in the Big 12.

Bad Week for Royalty  
By KAT WILLIAMS



Kings rookie Spencer Hawes has to undergo arthroscopic surgery on his left knee this week.

The 2007 #10 draft pick missed the first week of training camp after injuring his knee during the offseason.

Sacramento is now down a player as well as a very talented center.

Bad Week For Jake Delhomme  
By IBI TARIQ



Carolina Panthers QB Jake Delhomme will miss the rest of the season after undergoing ligament replacement surgery on his throwing elbow.

Delhomme's starting spot will be taken by offseason acquisition David Carr.

Carr is 1-1 in two starts this season and now has the next 11 games to persuade Carolina that he may be the better choice for the QB position.

Good Week For AL Pitching  
By ZACH PARKER



The Indians and Red Sox, who possess arguably the two best pitching staffs in the American League, faced each other in the ALCS last week.

With three Cy Young candidates in C.C. Sabathia, Fausto Carmona and Josh Beckett pitching in the series, pitching fans are in for a treat.

Good Week for the Boston Trio  
By FARZIN MOJTABAI



With the addition of superstars Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, the Boston Celtics are once again a cornerstone franchise of the league.

Last week the Celtics took to the court for their first two pre-season games, headlined by a 91-82 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Many fans hope these two victories will foreshadow things to come.

# View from the Sidelines

A commentary on the National Football League brought to you by Ibi Tariq

## NFL Predictions – Week Seven

### Game of the Week

**Indianapolis at Jacksonville** — The Jaguars have the Colts' number and Indy knows it.

If the Colts can't stop J-Ville's rushing attack, Manning and Addai will have to play top-notch to score whenever Indy has the ball.

Look for Jacksonville to get a lead and keep the ball away from Manning.

Jacksonville bests Indy again, 34-31.

### The Best of the Rest

**New England at Miami** — You can bet the '72 Dolphins will be watching. Too bad the Patriots are going make them wait another week. At least.

Patriots win 31-14.

**Tennessee at Houston** — The Texans' D-Line should wreak havoc on Kerry Collins. Shame. I was looking forward to the Vince Young-Texans management showdown. Not to mention Young against Mario Williams and Amobi Okoye.

Texans win, 20-13.

**Tampa Bay at Detroit** — The Lions defense has allowed an average of 263.6 pass yards per game. Jeff Garcia knows this. He's happy about it. Neither team has a prominent running game, and the Bucs' pass D is #9 in the league.

Bucs win on the road, 23-14.

**Arizona at Washington** — It's an NFC showdown and both these teams have something to prove heading into the middle of the season. The Redskins defense has played lights out this year and should do enough to put QB Jason Campbell in good field positions all game.

Redskins win 17-13.

**San Francisco at New York Giants** — Frank Gore will need to show up in a big way for the Niners' mediocre offense, and Nate Clements will have to shut down Plaxico Buress to keep the Giants from breaking the game open. Broken ankle or not, Plax will get open.

Giants win, 31-17.

**Baltimore at Buffalo** — Wade Phillips and his boys thoroughly broke the heart of all of western New York last week. This week, Willis McGahee looks to add yardage to insult against his former employer. Even if he sputters, the Ravens defense won't let up on the Bills. Ravens win 21-13.

**Atlanta at New Orleans** — A pivotal matchup of NFC contenders? Just kidding. Were the Saints really a one-year wonder? I didn't think so. Now that they're running an offense without Deuce will make it that much harder for New Orleans to resemble the team from 2006.

Falcons win, 24-14.

**New York Jets at Cincinnati** — The Jets are 1-5. The Bengals are 1-4. The Bengals needed that win against the Chiefs as bad as the Jets needed a win against the Eagles. Fortunately for Cincy, the Jets have the #26 pass defense in the league and also allow 25.7 points a game. Are you listening Carson Palmer?

Bengals win 28-16.

**Kansas City at Oakland** — Damon Huard has completed 66 percent of his throws this year. If Tony Gonzales and Dwayne

Bowe can find the endzone, it should be enough for the Chiefs to snatch a win in the Black Hole.

Chiefs win, 23-14

**Chicago at Philadelphia** — The Bears can't defend the run. Brian Westbrook has a 5.7 yard-per-carry average. Look for Philadelphia to utilize Westbrook more as a rusher to compliment his receiving abilities, taking pressure off McNabb.

Eagles win, 21-17

**St. Louis at Seattle** — The "Greatest Show on Turf" is now "The Team That Probably Wants Kurt Warner Back." Seattle gets winless New Orleans and the winless Rams back-to-back. The Seahawks should come out on top. The Rams are pretty much already on the clock for 2008's first pick.

Seattle wins, 27-10.

**Minnesota at Dallas** — The game rests with Adrian Peterson. If he's on his game, the Vikings have a shot. If not, Dallas should come away with another win to remain the class of the NFC. Of course, this is assuming they don't have another meltdown like they did against Buffalo.

Dallas wins at home, 31-21.

**Pittsburgh at Denver** — Jay Cutler will need to play an absolutely perfect game to give the Broncos a mile-high chance at victory. Mike Tomlin has worked wonders with opening up the Steelers offense, while keeping Pittsburgh's rushing attack a force.

Steelers win 28-17.

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## FIELD HOCKEY

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ing in the half would be on a penalty corner that went just wide of sophomore goalkeeper Kristin Heavens.

Heavens recorded her fourth shutout of the season. Collins would find the net again just before halftime, tipping in a shot from Maegan Luce on the right side

of the circle.

The Cats did not let up on their attack in the second half. Senior defender Betsy Welsh scored the second goal of her career — on her birthday, no less — on a penalty corner 2:44 into the second half.

Collins gained possession of a rebound and redirected the ball to Welsh, who tipped it in past Shute.

Amidst a chant of "Happy Birthday Betsy Welsh," the Cats' defensive game did the rest of the work.

Collins stole a Wildcat penalty corner six minutes after Welsh's goal.

"We had a good response from the team today after playing a tough game against Albany last week," said head coach Nicki Houghton. "Our forwards played a great game. We're starting to put it all together, this conference win is huge."

"We're right where we need to be right now," added assistant coach Robin Merritt.

# FACE OFF

## THE MATCHUP

### JAKE AHRENS vs. MIKE MURPHY

WITTY COMMENTS AND JUDGING BY NICK DeCARO, SENIOR STAFF WRITER



1. What is your reaction to Travis Johnson's taunting of Trent Green, after he suffered a concussion on Oct. 7, and his postgame comments?

**JA:** Travis Johnson's initial reaction was warranted. Green's hit was an extremely cheap shot that could have caused severe injury.

Unfortunately, Green took the blunt of the impact and is being made to look like the victim. Granted, after finding out the severity of Green's condition, Johnson should have been the bigger man and not have gone off the way he did.

Even though he is a quarterback, the fact remains Green went low for a block, something frowned upon in the NFL. Trent put himself, and Johnson, in danger.

**MM:** I was appalled to see Travis Johnson taunting Trent Green. It is one thing to trash talk a player to his face, but when a player is down you need to back off and have some respect.

After what the NFL and its fans have gone through this year, Johnson should have used his head before he started running his mouth.

I think he should have been fined for his actions. Especially considering the fact that the NFL hands out fines for celebrating a touchdown, I think they can hand one out for kicking a guy while he's down.

2. The Yankees roared into the playoffs only to fall flat in the first round. With all the controversy swirling, who SHOULD take the fall?

**JA:** The players, of course, should take the responsibility. The owner brought them together, the manager put them in the right situations to win, but the players could not perform when the game was on the line.

The Yankee players made excuses about their poor play in Cleveland, citing the bugs as a distraction. Yeah right!

They had a batting average of .288, and their captain, Derek Jeter, and MVP, Alex Rodriguez, went a combined seven for 32. Not to mention the poor play they received from the bullpen.

**MM:** Some say it's Joe Torre's fault, some hold Derek Jeter responsible and others blame Alex Rodriguez. The blame should not be placed on any of these individuals.

It has always been a team effort to win and in the playoffs the Yankees showed a team effort to lose.

Roger Clemens and Chin-Ming Wang combined for a total of 3 1/3 innings at home and Yankee batters hit only 2.14 with runners in scoring position.

Poor starting pitching and the lack of offensive production is the equation to lose a ball game, especially against a team like the Cleveland Indians.

3. It has been a wild year of upsets so far this college football season. Which upstart has made the biggest splash in their best rendition of David defeating Goliath?

**JA:** There was no better portrayal of David defeating Goliath than the 40-point underdog Stanford, upsetting #2 USC.

Arguably the greatest upset in college football history, Stanford won in style on a last second touchdown, putting them up 24-23.

Not only did Stanford snap USC's 35-game at home win streak, but they did it scoring only in the second half with their second string quarterback.

USC was certainly the feared giant entering the game, but Stanford stunned the monster of the PAC-10.

**MM:** Some may say that the biggest upset of the year is Appalachian State defeating Michigan. However, the biggest upset of the year is Stanford beating USC.

Stanford's record since 2006 had been 1-11, managing only 16 wins in their previous five seasons.

ASU was a team that had won two consecutive national championships, while Stanford was regarded as nothing but a bunch of bookworms trying to play some football.

Stanford didn't even have their starting quarterback. Tavita Pritchard debuted at the QB position, picking up the win against the #2 USC. Not a bad debut.



## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## Take your popcorn and ... eat it

In Sunday's "Battle of the 81's" neither the "real 81" nor the "other 81" really sparked. With the game finished and in the books, T.O. can start fielding the questions he avoided all week.

However, the appropriate first question for T.O. wouldn't be about who's the better No. 81. In my book, for now, that's a closed case — to the victor goes the spoils and the "other 81's" team came out on top.

The big question right now is this: "Just how good are the New England Patriots?"

Well, Mr. O, what would you say? I had my popcorn ready and I was giggling every time Brady and his bunch got past your Cowboys' DBs.

Dallas did put up the best fight the Pats had faced all year. They handed New England their first deficit of the season early in the second half.

It just didn't last long.

After the Patriots proceeded to pummel the Cowboys to the final whistle, outscoring them 27-3 during the last 20 minutes of the game, it became clear that the 81s on the field were moot.

The numbers were basically the same. Each drew the bulk of their opposing defense's attention. The biggest difference, though, was that New England had many other passing options.

Just look at Wes Welker; he had a career game while the "other 81" was being dogged around the field.

I'm sorry T.O., but your team didn't have it today, and I'm hard pressed to believe it really would have mattered.

A heavily guarded Randy Moss only made Tom Brady's job easier. And — minus his fumble in the first half — he certainly made it look easy with almost 400 yards in the air and five, count 'em five TDs.

He even managed one for the thumb, what a guy! I bet the last one was for Gisele ...

But back to the game, which really was a game until the Patriots got up by two touchdowns with less than five minutes to play.

The bottom line — and I really am not that interested in what T.O. has to say about it — is that the Patriots are absurdly good right now.

It's surgical, it's mechanical and it's scary.

I like it. It's fun to watch, maybe too much fun, but I'll take it either way.

Now, we get to play the waiting game with all eyes on Nov. 4 and a matchup between potentially undefeated Indianapolis and probably-still-undefeated New England.

That game could be the biggest regular season meeting between Brady and Peyton Manning ever.

I bet even T.O. would sit back and enjoy that one with a bowl of popcorn but you can pass on the Orville Redenbacher. I'd recommend the extra-dry Humble Popcorn.

Trust me, it's so hot right now.

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## This Week

**Tuesday, October 16 –  
Monday, October 22**

**Wednesday, October 17**  
**Men's Soccer**  
vs. UMBC  
Centennial Field, 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 18**  
**Women's Soccer**  
vs. Albany  
Centennial Field, 3 p.m.

**Friday, October 19**  
**Field Hockey**  
@ Maine  
Orono, Maine, 2 p.m.

**Saturday, October 20**  
**Women's Lacrosse**  
George Mason Tournament  
Fairfax, Vt., TBA

**Men's Soccer**  
@ Hartford  
West Hartford, Conn., 2 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
@ Cornell  
Ithaca, N.Y., 2 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
Catamount Tip-Off  
Patrick Gym, 4 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**  
Catamount tip-off  
Patrick Gym, 4 p.m.

**Sunday, October 21**  
**Swimming**  
vs. Niagara  
Forbush Natatorium, 12 p.m.

**Field Hockey**  
vs. Columbia  
Moulton Winder Field, 1 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**  
@ UMBC  
Baltimore, Md., 1 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
@ Cornell  
Ithaca, N.Y., 1 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**  
vs. Boston College  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

## Next Week

**Tuesday, October 23 –  
Monday, October 29**

**Wednesday, October 24**  
**Men's Soccer**  
@ Maine  
Orono, Maine, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, October 25**  
**Women's Soccer**  
vs. Maine  
Centennial Field, 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 26**  
**Women's Hockey**  
@ Dartmouth  
Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m.

**Saturday, October 27**  
**Cross Country**  
America East Championships  
Stony Brook, N.Y., 11 a.m.

**Swimming**  
vs. Northeastern  
Forbush Natatorium, 12 p.m.

**Field Hockey**  
@ Boston University  
Boston, Mass., 1 p.m.

**Sunday, October 28**  
**Women's Soccer**  
@ Hartford  
West Hartford, Conn., 2 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**  
vs. Dartmouth  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore Carson Laderoute (12) runs to catch up to a defender in Sunday's loss to the New Hampshire Wildcats. Laderoute led the 2006 team in scoring with seven points, the first freshman in 10 years to do so.

# The Catamounts fall to UNH

By FARZIN MOJTABAI

Cynic Correspondent

UVM women's soccer dropped a 2-1 conference decision to third place UNH on Sunday, Oct. 14.

The game was a fast-paced, evenly played match from beginning to end, with many scoring chances for both sides.

"Although it isn't reflected in the result, we feel this was a victory for us today especially in the way we came together as a team," head coach Kerry Dzielanek said.

UNH featured the America East standout junior forward Michelle Sheehan, who leads the Wildcats in points and goals scored and with 16 and seven respectively.

The first half was headlined by sensa-

tional play in the middle from both sides. Freshman Heidi Hassler was the catalyst for UVM in the first half, with a combination of stifling defense and solid game management in the midfield.

UVM nearly recorded a goal in the eighth minute, when a strong shot from sophomore Carson Laderoute rocketed off the outstretched fingertips of Wildcat goalie Nikki Golding and rolled just inches past the goal.

UNH capitalized on an indirect free kick for the game's first goal, as senior Caitlyn Serafine ripped a shot from six yards out into the top corner of the net.

The second half would see a series of offensive surges from the Catamounts, including a shot from freshman Gabby Bonfigli, which bounced off the post.

UNH recorded their second goal, 10 minutes into the second half, when a high-

rising chip shot from Julie O'Shaughnessy passed Bradley.

The Cats rallied when, at the 63-minute mark, freshman Jessica Becker blasted home a point-blank shot for a goal off a rebound.

The offensive pressure from the Cats continued into the latter portion of the game as they looked for the equalizer to send the game into overtime.

Despite outshooting UNH 12-8 and a near miss at an equalizer, UVM was unable to tie up the game.

With this loss and a 2-0 loss to Harvard on Wednesday, UVM falls to 1-12-1 and 0-4-0 in conference play, while UNH improves to 8-5-1 and 4-1-0 in America East.

UVM looks to snap their 12-game winless streak on Thursday when they face Albany at home at 3 p.m.



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

## Women's hockey season preview

By ZACH PARKER

Staff Writer

Only four games into the season, UVM women's hockey has already surpassed last year's win total. At 4-0, their best start ever,

the Catamounts are ready to make a statement in the Hockey East conference.

The Cats have made easy work of their opponents so far, outscoring them 21-4.

## Field hockey blanks New Hampshire

The Cats top their A-East opponent 3-0

By IBI TARIQ

Senior Staff Writer

Anchored by fierce defense and powered by goals from seniors Danielle Collins and Betsy Welsh, the Cats were in control at all phases of the game in the 3-0 win against America East rival New Hampshire.

The win boosts UVM to 10-5 (2-1 America East), while UNH drops to 7-8 (1-2).

Only 35 seconds into the game, junior Lauren Burke stole the ball and fired off a pass to Collins on a breakaway, who hammered it past UNH goalie Margaux Shute for her first goal of the day.

With a fired-up team and a one-goal lead, UVM kept pressure on the Wildcat defense, controlling the ball for nearly the entire first half.

The closest UNH would get to scor-



## GLYNNE VOTES "NO" RESOLUTION VOTED DOWN, RED CROSS TO STAY



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Carol Dembeck from the Vermont chapter of the American Red Cross, introduces the staff that the American Red Cross brought to last Tuesday's SGA meeting. Pictured behind Dembeck is a group of students from Free to Be and LGBTQTA services who held signs up during the entire three-hour meeting Tuesday. The resolution proposed by Senator John Colin-Quinn was defeated 16-15.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Speaker Michael Glynne looks on during last Tuesday's SGA meeting. Glynne's vote broke a tie and defeated the proposed resolution banning the Red Cross.

### Tied vote broken by SGA speaker, issue expected to resurface again in weeks to come

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association voted against, by a 16-15 margin, a bill that called for the American Red Cross to be banned from using campus facilities to conduct blood drives.

The bill called the American Red Cross (ARC) policy that defers gay men from donating blood "discriminatory" and demanded the organization's removal from campus on July 1, 2008 if it took "no action viewed as progress" toward changing the policy before then.

More than three hours of testimony by local and regional representatives from ARC, UVM administrators, faculty, alumni and students, followed by thorough senatorial debate preceded the vote, which was tied, 15-15, between the 30 senators in attendance.

Speaker of the Senate Mike Glynne, exercising his consti-

tutional power, cast the tie-breaking vote. "I'm all for diversity and an unbiased society," he said, "but I don't think that banning the Red Cross is the best thing for our community."

Glynne said he would have voted "yes," had the bill not included a ban of ARC from conducting blood drives on campus.

The ARC's lifetime deferral policy for men who have had sex with another man at any time since 1977 is enforced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Dr. Mary O'Neil, vice president of ARC Blood Services Northeast Division, said at last Tuesday's meeting.

If ARC, which provides about half of the nation's blood supply, did not follow FDA policies, it would not be allowed to ship blood across state lines and would be at increased risk of failing annual FDA inspections, Dr. O'Neil said.

She said that ARC, which has advocated for the policy's modification several times, feels that the policy is unfair and encouraged students to petition the FDA to have it changed.

During Tuesday's meet-

ing several amendments were made to the bill, which originally called for an immediate ban on ARC from campus and made no mention of the FDA's role in the deferral policy.

Senator Eddie Foster, a co-sponsor of the bill, offered several of the revisions fol-

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lowing a lengthy and dramatic speech in which he came out of the closet for the first time publicly.

Amendments included clauses encouraging state and federal politicians to work toward modifying the deferral

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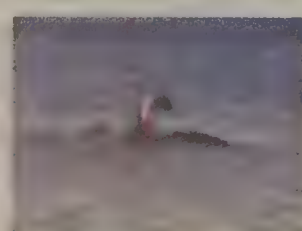
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# Cynic News Interview:

## Michael Glynne

*Speaker of the Student Government Association*

By WILLIAM D. SEDLACK, *News Editor*  
and E. AUSTIN DANFORTH III, *Editor-in-Chief*

**The Cynic sat down with Speaker Michael Glynne the day after the Red Cross resolution was defeated by Glynne's tie-breaking vote to find out about his views on SGA**

**VC:** My hesitation when I hear people saying what they claim are statistics or fact is that very rarely in oral presentation do they say where they get their information, do you have any safeguards against that?

**MG:** I wish we did, we don't really have a safeguard like that, and actually a perfectly good example was that when this resolution was quasi-debated last week during senate.

Senator Quinn made a point of information and it was completely false and he never gave any information about it. It was regarding whether the University of Maine had kicked the Red Cross off campus. Senator Taylor looked it up on his computer during the meeting, and another point of information, that it was totally false.

Sadly we don't have safeguards, I've asked that when people make points of information that if the credibility is questioned, they can bring up sources that will help clarify and justify the information that they have given out.

**VC:** A complaint I've heard from senators such as Senator Taylor and others is that Senator Quinn was off-putting to possible suggestions before the resolution was brought forward.

You're not normally a voting member of the Senate, only in exceptional circumstances such as last night's meeting, did you ask him for any clarifications on his resolution, did you find him accepting of questions, comments, concerns? Was he as open-minded as one would hope for something as serious as this?

**MG:** No, he was not and I talked to a lot of senators about that who brought up questions that probably could have been hashed out before the meeting and he was not willing to do that and a lot of the guests that I heard that he invited, he didn't get back to. He was ... I personally didn't think he was well-prepared... I think it would have passed if there was a lot more preparation.

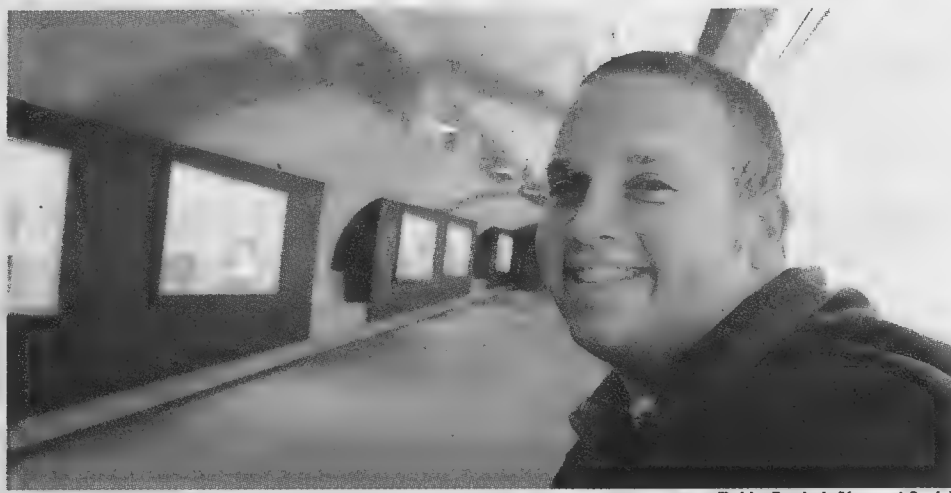
**VC:** What did you feel were some of the high points of the Red Cross debate, low points of the debate? Where it should have gone, where maybe it didn't go?

**MG:** I think I might have wanted to see more facts brought forth by the LGBTQTA services; it was more of a personal complaint from everybody than anything [else].

That said, I don't know where they wanted to go with the debate. I know the Red Cross presented a pretty decent argument on where they stood, I mean they had two specialists there testifying for their policies and why they are bound by the recommendation—and it is a recommendation—from the FDA, but its bound by law, as Senator Taylor explained during his few moments in the sun and I think I wanted a bit more information out there.

I don't know whether or not I liked all the outside influence there. Obviously there was a lot people there being very rude and disrespectful, and I probably should have done a better job of keeping order about that, but I also thought that maybe that's what needed to be done during that sort of debate.

**For the full interview with Michael Glynne, please see <http://www.vermontcynic.org>**



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

**VC:** There was a significant amount of protest there last night—what influence do you think they had on the debate? Do you think it was a positive influence on the debate, a negative influence of the debate? And what does it mean as a show of solidarity within the community—it was a good thing, a bad thing?

**MG:** Well I mean it was obviously an overwhelmingly majority of people there in favor of the bill. That was a third party thing done, I don't really know how much Senator Quinn had to do with that, but Miss Reagan had her peaceful protest and there was a bunch of people there with signs.

I'm all for that because I think it is a form of freedom of speech, but then on the other hand, I also think it's a sign of disrespect as well, especially when the RC was giving their testimony and they were holding up the signs. The signs were up the whole time, and I mean, you know, obviously your point gets through, we were in there for five hours.

**VC:** Could you speak to your beliefs on the current FDA policy?

**MG:** I totally agree that it's discriminatory. I agreed with the RC saying that they had come up with new ways of testing and that maybe a year deferral policy that I believe they were speaking about last night would be more sufficient towards that.

**VC:** And that would put it on par with every other at-risk category?

**“I think I might have wanted to see more facts brought forth by the LGBTQTA services, it was more of a personal complaint from everybody than anything [else].”**

**MG:** Exactly. But I do also understand that Jerry Silverstein, the professor emeritus from the UVM College of Medicine also pointed out that the FDA does do things that are mostly in the interest of the people of the United States, and I do understand that and I don't necessarily have to agree with the policy—which I don't—I also respect the FDA as a federal organization and I have to respect the policy as of right now. But I agree with going forth and trying to make change.

**VC:** I have seen the Facebook group, as good as that is, by the proponents of the resolution who noted the morning after last night meeting that they were disappointed by the behavior of SGA senators during the meeting and that they were disappointed by the amount of text messaging and use of laptops during the meeting.

I know from my personal experience on Senate that that was a great tool for coalition building along with the note passing that goes on. Do you feel that is an appropriate accusation for them to be making or is it just an accusation of an outsider that doesn't understand what's going on?

**MG:** I think it's a little bit of both, I mean some people abuse the powers that are granted to them. I mean, they can have laptops there, they can pass notes. I'd say it was probably a bit abusive, from what I hear a few of the senators were chatting or online during that time.

But then also some other senators, especially the finance committee have to go over certain financial policies during the SGA meetings and sometimes, like I had to see the constitution last night and he [Senator Mallory] had to hand it to me and I had to look at the constitution kind of thing. Some of the other senators like in student action and COLA, they needed to as well to help with the resolutions.



# Vincent-Bryan appointed to Sodexho student board

By JULIA DROST  
Staff Writer

Student Government Association Vice President and senior DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan was recently selected to the 2007-2008 national Student Board of Directors for Sodexho, according to a company press release.

Sodexho is a national food and facilities management service, which administers dining services to colleges and universities around the country, including UVM.

Vincent-Bryan said that he was asked to apply to the Student Board this summer by Paul Bahan, the marketing director of Dining Services on campus.

Bahan highlighted Vincent-Bryan's history of both commentary and constructive criticism of the dining on campus as the main reason behind the recommendation to apply.

"DaVaughn was selected because during his time at UVM he has worked with Dining Services on several initiatives. As a customer he has always encouraged dialogue regarding food services on our campus and he has a personal passion for food and dining. He is not shy about offering suggestions for improvement and by the same token, recognizing our contributions to the UVM community," Bahan said.

Some of the contributions Bryan has made to University dining in the past include an initiative to bring culturally diverse foods to the Marche

by way of a survey about what foods and ingredients students would like to have, as well as his own cooking show on UVM TV called "Collegiate Eats," Vincent-Bryan said.

"Sodexho thought it was important to have a UVM representative on the board because of our school's progressive nature, social justice focus and ecological mindfulness, all of which have contributed to our unique dining program. The national Sodexho body is aware of UVM's success. And yet we are still working with Sodexho to make it even better," Vincent-Bryan said.

Vincent-Bryan's membership "is important for UVM and Dining Services because he will be able to share with the group the scope of the work we do [at UVM]," Bahan said.

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**-DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan  
Vice President, SGA**

The board itself consists of 25 students from across the United States, ranging from Clemson University to California State University, according to the Sodexho press release.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

**SGA Vice President and Sodexho student board member DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan looks upon SGA debate.**

Bahan describes the members as a "dynamic group that plays an instrumental role in helping the Sodexho Education Division create new programs and initiatives that are meaningful to the students we serve."

The Sodexho press release said that the concept of a Student Board of Directors has been in place for three years and it is a way that the company gains information about student tastes and preferences directly from the students themselves.

The research that results allows the company to provide customized dining solutions that are uniquely for students, by students, the press release said.

Students on the board participate in a variety of activi-

ties, ranging from attending national meetings, participating in monthly phone conferences, developing flavor profiles for the menu program, helping to design the content of the student board's Web site (<http://www.forstudents-bystudents.com>), and aiding Sodexho's resident and retail promotions and marketing initiatives, Bahan said.

Additionally, students engage in workshops, discussion forums, focus groups, and taste tests, said the Sodexho press release.

Vincent-Bryan serves on a specific committee within the board that deals with menu, food choices, etc. "We are concerned with what people want to eat. It really is possible to combine wishes of tastiness and nutrition," said Vincent-

Bryan.

In addition to serving on a specific committee, Vincent-Bryan has free range to contribute to and impact the whole board with his viewpoint and opinions.

"On the board, I have my voice, vote, thoughts, and my opinion counts. I have a reputation of getting things done and I bring that to the board," Vincent-Bryan said.

Vincent-Bryan plans to bring his social justice and cultural diversity values to the board. "Diversity and education should be infused in every part of life here, including students' culinary experience. I plan to continue to challenge Sodexho to see how far we can push the menu to make the world more accessible to students," Vincent-Bryan said.

## Artist's Talk

Devorah Sperber

Thursday, October 25  
Fleming Room 101  
6:00 PM

Sperber's beguiling thread-spool installations explore the science of optics through a sophisticated merging of advanced digital media and iconic portraits from Western art history. Featuring more than 5,000 spools strung on stainless steel ball chains, the final installation reads more like an abstract arrangement of colors until it is viewed through an acrylic sphere, which inverts the image and organizes the field of colors into a remarkably accurate reproduction of the original artwork.

Sperber's talk is co-sponsored by the UVM Art Department and the Fleming Museum Board of Advisors' Contemporary Projects Fund.

Devorah Sperber,  
After Van Eyck, 2006 (detail).  
thread spools, stainless steel,  
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## NEWS ANALYSIS

# Supreme Court starts new term, Habeas cases prominent

By FARZIN MOJTABAI

Cynic News Analyst

As the U.S. Supreme Court commences its session this month, several vital disputes face the court in the upcoming term.

This year, some of the noteworthy cases on the docket, center around questions of congressional and presidential power in the War on Terror.

This session features the third in a string of court battles seeking to outline the parameters of government authority with respect to enemy combatants detained in Guantanamo Bay, and the extent to which various branches can limit their rights.

Two high profile cases, *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* (2004) and *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, (2006) focus on upholding the habeas corpus rights of enemy combatants detained in the War on Terror for both U.S. and non U.S. citizens alike have set the stage for *Al Odah v. United States* and *Boumediene v. Bush*.

The cases at hand are crucial to the court in that

they not only symbolize a struggle to define the rights of enemy combatants in wartime, but represent an internal clash between the branches of government to resolve issues of jurisdiction over such cases.

Despite the two aforementioned landmark decisions mentioned above, reinforcing habeas corpus rights of enemy combatants to know for what they are being charged among other things,

Congress and the president have responded with the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 and the Military Commission Act of 2006.

Both acts attempt to derail the jurisdiction of not only the Supreme Court but of all federal courts to rule on issues pertaining to habeas corpus rights from any enemy combatants in the war on terror.

These unprecedented acts add an element of judicial jurisdiction to an already controversial matter of habeas corpus and potentially could answer questions as to whether the court has power to hear such cases in light of these new laws disposing of the Court's jurisdiction.

With the addition of ultra conservative Justices Samuel Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts, the current complexion of the court characterizes the most conservative Supreme Court in recent history.

Many worry this conservative block of the court will reverse the precedent set by the Court and expand legislative and executive powers to unrivaled proportions, by essentially granting the President and a Congress a free hand in deciding the fate of enemy combatants detained in Guantanamo Bay.

Others elude to the idea that the Court's consistency on previous cases all reaffirming for enemy combatants, citizens and non-citizens alike, will set a precedent that will offer a final stamp and dictate the decision making of the Court.

Either way, the Court's decisions in this judicial session will have major repercussions on the nature of the War on Terror effort, regardless of how it comes out.

The oral arguments and decision for these cases should begin this spring.

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policy, urging ARC to continue to push the FDA to modify the policy, and requesting training for ARC volunteers on sensitive identity issues.

Senator John Colin Quinn sponsored the failed legislation. "(ARC) comes onto our campus and uses our resources to oppress — to discriminate — against people who identify differently from the norm," he said in a presentation before SGA on Tuesday.

"We are the real Cats, every single one of us," he said, referencing a marketing slogan once used by ARC at UVM, which said, "Real Cats give blood."

"The only people I would consider not real Cats are the people who will not accept blood from everyone."

Dot Brauer, Director of LGBTQA Services, also spoke on Tuesday. "My hope is that after this discussion others in this room will feel as ashamed and dissatisfied with this status quo as I am," she said.

UVM junior Kelly Riel presented a petition to SGA Tuesday with 516 signatures from students who supported the ARC ban. Riel said that, had the petition been circulating for more time, it could have garnered "much more support."

ARC representatives said they were pleased with the outcome of the vote on Tuesday. "A lot of issues were raised that needed to be raised," ARC-Burlington representative Carol Dem-

beck said. "We are anxious to work together with folks here on campus to work towards a change, and that's a great opportunity."

Others felt differently. "This body has expressed tacit approval, and perhaps condoned in a tacit way, the discrimination of some members of the UVM community," Riel said to SGA after normal business resumed.

Brauer said she wants ARC "out and proud" of the fact that they disagree with the FDA policy. "That would send the signal that says 'we don't think that gay men have dirty blood by virtue of their identity,'" she said.

"The idea that a man simply having sex with a man means that that man is at risk for AIDS is a fearful, homophobic idea," Brauer continued. The reason that gay men are at high risk for HIV, she said, is because of continued stigmatization, which leads to high-risk behavior.

Freshman Senator Kofi Mensah also voiced disapproval. "The passiveness I have seen in this body tonight has really struck me," he told SGA. "I don't think this senate did what it needed to do to make a change."

Foster said the issue has not gone away forever. "I believe that a better bill will be brought up in coming weeks," he said. Riel also said she would continue to work towards an ARC ban with Quinn and Foster until the FDA's lifetime deferral policy is changed.



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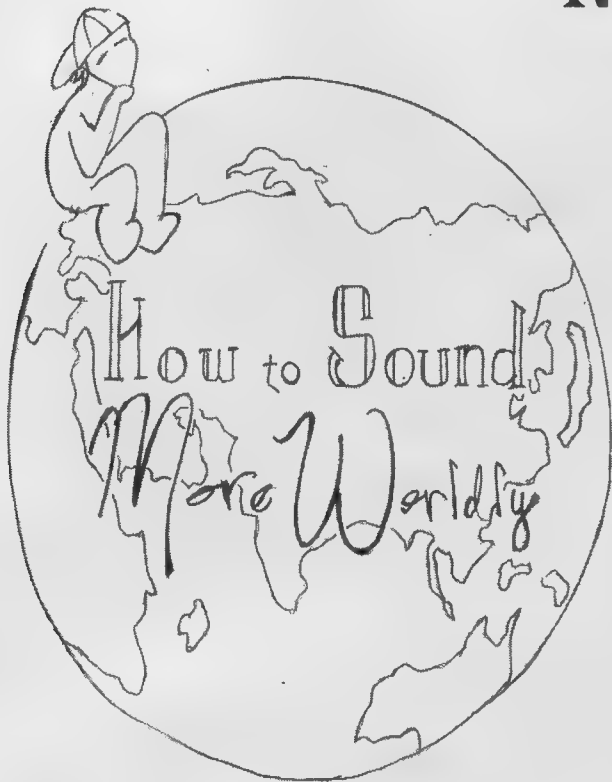
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# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## 17 dead, Blackwater to leave Iraq

On Friday U.S. officials said private security firm Blackwater U.S.A. will likely be relieved of its duty of protecting state department officials in Iraq. The announcement followed the most recent Blackwater shooting that left 17 Iraqi civilians dead.

## NOAA rule to save endangered whales

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration proposed a 10-knot speed limit for ships in East Coast waters during certain times of the year. The measure is an attempt to protect the endangered right whale from extinction.

## Brownback scraps White House bid

Republican Senator Sam Brownback abandoned his '08 presidential bid this week, due to a lack of money and support. Brownback is expected to run for Kansas governor in 2010.

## Colbert announces dual-party run

Mock conservative pundit Stephen Colbert announced his bid for the '08 presidential race this week. Colbert will run as both a Democrat and a Republican, and will only run in South Carolina.

## Limbaugh letter rakes \$2.1 million

A scathing letter from Democratic senators to conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh drew \$2.1 million in an online auction. The letter blasted Limbaugh for using the phrase "phony soldiers" on his show to describe soldiers who speak against the war.

## Torre insulted, leaves Yankees

Joe Torre stepped down as general manager of the New York Yankees last week following a one-year contract offer that included considerable pay cuts and no room to negotiate. Torre called the offer "insulting."

## FDA deems cold medicines unsafe

FDA officials sided with pediatricians Friday, saying over-the-counter cold medicines are unsafe for children under six. Drug companies said the drugs are perfectly safe if proper doses are taken.

## Iraqi pipeline destroyed by insurgents

Insurgents blew up an oil pipeline in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk last Friday in the latest bout of violence around the city. The violence underscored continued instability in the region.

## Rat Pack funny-man dead at 89

Comedian Joey Bishop, the last living member of the Rat Pack, died Wednesday at 89. Bishop's reps said his death was caused by a number of factors, but would not specify.

## Iranian nuclear negotiator resigns

Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, resigned last Saturday. His successor, Saeed Jalili, will likely take an even tougher stance during continued international negotiations regarding nuclear weapons, officials say.

## Heightened Myanmar sanctions from U.S.

Last Friday, President Bush announced increased sanctions for Myanmar's leaders, and increased coverage of existing sanctions. Bush also urged China and India to step up their own sanctions, acknowledging that U.S. pressure alone would not be enough to stop "viscous persecution" of pro-democracy protesters.

## Mukasey says torture is unlawful

Attorney General-designate Michael Mukasey said during confirmation hearings last Wednesday that the president does not have the authority to authorize torture techniques against terror suspects. Mukasey also promised to restore political independence in the justice department.

## Seven dead after Pakistani explosion

An explosion last Saturday in the town of Dera Bugti, Pakistan killed seven and injured at least six. Militants in the mineral-rich region have been fighting for increased independence for five years.

## Obama, Cheney distant cousins

While researching an upcoming book, Lynne Cheney discovered that Vice President Dick Cheney and Illinois Senator Barack Obama are eighth cousins. Their common ancestor arrived in the United States from England in 1650.

Our idea of a study break.



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## Disturbing quote of the week:

"If you're interested in avoiding WWII, it seems like you ought to be interested ..."

-George Bush, on Iran getting a "nuclear" bomb

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## Continuing the fight

After several weeks of anxious buildup and three hours of heated debate, the SGA voted against passing Senator John Colin-Quinn's proposed resolution to ban the Red Cross from campus for policies that do not allow gay or bisexual men to donate blood.

Their decision was the right one and the SGA performed their duties commendably in rejecting the resolution. The solution called for would have been improper, and would hamper the valuable mission of the Red Cross and further polarize opinions on the matter.

Perhaps the most compelling argument in favor of the resolution was the hope that denying the Red Cross campus facilities here could have touched off national debate over current FDA policies in hopes of inspiring change.

But the resolution, if passed, would have caused undue damage to the Red Cross in pursuit of policies that, in fact, originate within the federal bureaucracy.

While debate has ended without action for the time being, discourse about this important issue cannot end

and active support for a change in the FDA's policy must be continued.

The FDA set the policy of excluding gay and bisexual men from donating blood more than 20 years ago, at a time in which there was a far poorer understanding of HIV/AIDS.

Though advances have been made in testing, and a consensus has been reached within the Red Cross that the existing policy is unwarranted, it must abide by FDA guidelines if it wishes to stay in business, no matter how vehement their opposition.

Our efforts, then, must be directed towards encouraging national debate and changing federal policy.

But how is UVM to do this?

We are in very many ways an isolated community, both geographically and ideologically, yet we cannot be deterred, and we cannot deny the gravity of this injustice.

It would be terribly inappropriate of us to not act to bring about a change in FDA policy in a responsible manner.

UVM, let's put our heads together. Let's deliberate. Let's come up with

action that is not brash or foolhardy, but which is progressive, focused and reasonable.

The dialogue has started here and it is from here that it must move forward. If we are indeed a campus dedicated to social justice and opposed to discrimination, we can do no less than to make it a top priority to effect change in the FDA's policy.

This means petitioning SGA constantly and getting them to act for us, their constituents, on this issue because they are our most direct source of power within the University.

And this means coming up with solutions to this problem which are unique, and demonstrative of UVM's drive and commitment to social justice.

We expect the SGA to act on behalf of the students of this University in pursuit of this issue of social equality.

So SGA, the issue has officially been brought to your door. The next move is yours.

## We applaud Dodd (but not the system)

The saga of congressional action these days seems more often than not like the same narrative continuously repeating itself: controversial, right-stripping bill gets debated, liberals clamor, liberals give up, bill gets passed.

And it appeared, until recently, as if this pattern would once again reveal itself.

In this chapter, Congress' deliberations focused on an overhaul of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) which, among other things, would grant retroactive immunity to telecoms for turning customer records over to the federal government, protecting these corporations from hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars in lawsuits.

It's plain to see why many would find this action displeasurable. Preventing telecoms from being sued protects large corporate interests at the cost of the consumer, while making it easier for the government to compel these organizations to intrude upon the privacy of every American.

But the unprecedented action of a single Senator has derailed this legislation.

Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT) has said that he will place a hold upon the bill; a procedural action employed by Senators to kill a piece of legislation by preventing debate or a vote on a bill for an indefinite period of time.

Unlike a filibuster, there is no way for the Senate to override a hold, and the senator does not have to continuously hold the floor in order for it to be effective.

We applaud Senator Dodd for this action. It is about time that a member of the Democratic field has stood up for the ideals upon which they have won control of both the House and Senate, and began to challenge the continuous erosion of the common American values of liberty and privacy.

Yet we are disheartened to see such tactics being employed in greater and greater numbers. There has been an explosion in the use of filibusters, holds and other such procedural trickery in our country's deliberative bodies which threatens the basic goals and design of our most important policy-making bodies.

Though this Congress has held more votes than any other in history,

you wouldn't be able to tell it.

Republicans have filibustered an unprecedented volume of legislation in the Senate, forcing override procedures and thereby effectively increasing the threshold for passing legislation from a simple majority of members present and voting, to a super majority of 60.

In a Congress which is effectively evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans, this is often an insurmountable obstacle to a piece of legislation.

It should never have come to this. Congressional deliberation should be an open and fair process in which the merits and flaws of a piece of legislation are considered by every voting member.

It should not be a process, as it has become, directed primarily by partisanship and the employment of any and all tactics available to achieve one's goals.

So although we agree with Dodd's goals and support his action, we lament his having to resort to these tactics.



JULIA MICHEL

## Struggling with gay rights

The SGA's recent debate that ultimately resulted in shooting down a resolution attempting to ban the American Red Cross from campus remains one of the important, and maybe the most professional, discussions ever to reach the Senate floor.

But it seemed a topic even more important than the American Red Cross arose throughout the course of the meeting: the question of ending all forms of discrimination on campus and how to approach such a daunting task.

It makes sense to first examine the vital roles of minority groups in the political decision-making process.

Over the course of history, minority groups have employed a vast array of techniques to grab attention, seek equity and ultimately end discrimination.

While the struggles of women and African Americans are the ones that immediately come to mind, the gay rights

movement has been growing steadily over the past few decades and now stands with its foot in a largely conservative door; hopefully ready to make some change.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Ally community here at UVM represents one of the most outspoken minority organizations on campus.

And it has to be — despite the overwhelmingly "liberal" sentiment on campus, discriminatory comments, slurs and weird looks continue to afflict members of the LGBTQA community.

However, I'd like to respectfully disagree with the methods to effect change, chosen by the LGBTQA community; specifically, of the tendency to assume that being straight means incomprehension and apprehension of the non-straight community.

First of all, I am not lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. But that doesn't mean that

I don't empathize with the discrimination, stares and biases that gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or questioning members of UVM's community regularly experience.

In fact, I resent being told that because I don't fall

**Unite us despite our differences, don't divide us simply to make a point.**

into any definition other than "straight," that I "just don't get it."

You're right. I don't really understand what it feels like to be attracted to members of the same gender.

I don't really understand how difficult it must have been to come out to my family and

friends. I might not understand — but I can empathize.

This is because on some level, we all experience discrimination.

Nonetheless, I would have you ask, rather than telling me I "just don't get it" or that "you're either with us, or against us," that members of such minority groups explain.

Explain to me, a privileged, white, college-attending female, how it feels to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or questioning.

Unite us despite our differences, don't divide us simply to make a point.

I think a large percent of straight students on campus feel the same way.

On one hand, they support gay rights, they have gay friends and denounce all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

But on the other hand, they're told — by the very communities they're out to support — that because they're

straight, they can't possibly understand and can't possibly work to effect positive change for the non-straight community.

I know first hand that many Senators voted against the resolution but stand resolutely in favor of ending discrimination against the LGBTQA community on campus.

I'd ask the LGBTQA community to not give up on those of us who did vote against the resolution, because it doesn't mean that we're biased, homophobic bigots.

Once again, I cannot reiterate enough how bravely and eloquently the members of the LGBTQA community conveyed their points during the Senate floor.

I'd like to respectfully ask that they use their charisma, emotions and outstanding way with words to do more explaining and less dividing.

Maybe then, together, we can end all forms of discrimination at UVM.

## Letters to the Editor

### Value in religion

I find that religion and lack thereof are all too often used as an excuse for the perceived problems of our world.

So I was very disappointed to find in *The Cynic* op-ed a piece by the editor, Jeremy Spiro-Winn, labeling so many of the problems of our society and world as as inherent, unavoidable effects of religion.

He lists of many convincing arguments, such as violence between faiths, ideological murder, government and society based oppression, and, of course, the crusades.

All of these examples are very closely linked to religion of course.

But is religion truly the cause behind them?

If one examines any one of these examples, it can be seen that the true motivation behind them is the pervasive idea of "us and them."

The very basis of our learning as a child is the idea of categorization.

In kindergarten in our elementary schools, all of our learning is based on separation of different things, both apples and oranges, yes, but also pledging allegiance to the United States of America, placing it outside of and above all other groups of people in the world.

This is what pervades through instances of violence worldwide.

Spiro-Winn challenges the reader to "name a crusade or oppressive regime inspired in the name of atheism."

He is accurate in that many oppressive regimes are motivated by or use polarizing dogma as an excuse, but rarely is this adhering to the true ideas around which most religions are formed, and it is actually quite easy to find oppressive regimes that claim atheism as motivation for their divisive violence.

Take the last two regimes to hold power in China, the Chinese communist party and the Guomundong nationalist party.

Both engaged in huge purges in the name of the state, many

of which were purges against organized religions.

But no matter what the excuse used for oppression, whether it be religion or anything else, the fact is that most religions base themselves in peace.

We are constantly bombarded by the media with examples of extremism in religions, whether it be Islamic, Christian or any other, but this is not where religions have their origin.

Jeremy Spiro-Winn also claims that when we believe in religion, we compromise our humanity.

This claim is an attempt to dehumanize those involved in religion, meaning he is using the very same rhetorical weapon as some of those he is preaching against.

Dehumanization of the target is the first step towards oppression.

The solution to the problem of violence worldwide is not going to be found in the union of church and state, or the attempt to remove religion from our society.

Such things would only lead to great violence and abuse of power. Instead, the solution lies in the education of people, both on a microscopic and macroscopic level, on unity as humans.

Stop glorifying violence. Stop the subliminal nationalism that starts in kindergarten, or even before.

Start teaching peace, and rather than just engaging in tolerance, embrace acceptance of all people, despite our very different cultures, as one group.

Religious dogma may be used as an excuse by many to carry out violence, but the root of the problem is much deeper, and that is the dehumanization and ideological separation of others.

Sincerely,  
Ben Sandri  
Class of 2009

### Remember S.L.A.P.?

This past spring, the Student Labor Action Project, S.L.A.P., took protesting to another level: hunger-striking. The five-day strike exposed tensions and raised important questions.

Yet the circumstances under which the protest ended have not been properly explained to the campus community.

We can only assume you heard, if you listened, the popular final story: strikers were "confused" over their numbers and the UVM administration clarified workers already earn a livable wage.

To understand where this claim originated, we go back to the fourth day of the strike — the day SGA leaders traveled to Montpelier to the UVM wage policy with the Joint Fiscal Office (JFO).

The JFO is the body responsible for calculating Vermont's livable wage, providing S.L.A.P. and livable wage campaigns the "just" hourly wage figure.

At this Thursday's meeting, one JFO official calculated that the value of UVM's benefits bridged the gap between the \$10.60/hour wage and the livable wage.

We recognize now, and have throughout the years, that UVM offers some incredible benefits. In fact, it was in light of this fact that S.L.A.P. celebrated the creation in of the Basic Needs

and Equitable Compensation (BNEC) task force in April 2006.

The BNEC was charged to investigate UVM employment practices in regard to wages and benefits.

The committee, composed of faculty, administrators, staff and other campus leaders, concluded that a UVM livable wage, considering UVM benefits, was \$12.28 an hour, the same as the JFO livable wage. (This report is available on president Fogel's Web site).

S.L.A.P. rejoiced, but the administration refused to create a policy reflecting the valuable findings.

So we were surprised this Thursday evening to find that the administration decided to analyze UVM wages by going to the JFO rather than utilizing the findings of the committee they charged a year earlier.

And we didn't understand how these numbers added up so neatly and in fact nearly matched the livable wage benchmark.

Only after our strike ended did we recognize two important facts.

First, though the JFO calculates the livable wage benchmarks, never before has it been the JFO's role to calculate the value of a specific employer's benefit package (in this case, UVM's benefits).

Secondly, the JFO devi-

ated from methodology by deducting the value of benefits that are not included in the basic needs budget.

Tuition remission and long-term disability were included in the assessment, but are not a part of the statewide basic needs budget. Also, the JFO seriously miscalculated retirement and healthcare benefits.

We stopped striking because we did not want to divide the community on account of potentially inaccurate information.

The result, unfortunately, was the portrayal of S.L.A.P. students as being misinformed and "confused."

Today, however, the only things we are "confused" about are why UVM asked the JFO to get involved when the task force had already done the work and why the JFO deviated from the methodology.

Today, we are confused as to why the issue of livable wages has been pushed aside by the administration while the workers that make our campus beautiful and safe still struggle to make ends meet.

One thing we are quite certain of is that the livable wage campaign continues.

You haven't seen the last of S.L.A.P.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Nopper  
Class of 2009

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# Student Government Association

## A Cynic guide to your student representation

By William D. Sedlack  
News Editor

The Student Government Association is the representative body of the students. The Senate is usually comprised of 40 students representing 20 on-campus students and 20 off-campus students.

The 40 senators are organized into seven committees dealing with a wide array of issues that effect the student body on a daily bases, dealing with environmental issues to student issues to safety issues.

The Student Government Association is usually open to appointments

in the winter, after students leave for studying abroad. Voting for the Senate occurs every spring.

The Senate is presided over by President Kesha Ram and Vice President DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan.

Important issues that the SGA addresses include: student safety, environmentally concsious living and diversity.

The Studedent Government Association meets every Tuesday night in the Davis Center.

Kesha Ram



According to the SGA Web site, the president is responsible for "creating and articulating the vision of the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association."

Kesha is the student liason to faculty, staff and other policy-making bodies.

The president serves on the executive branch of the University's Board of Trustees. Ram is focused on University policy development and administration.

President

Sarah Shacke



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Treasurer

Ben Porter



According to the SGA Web site, the Academic Affairs committee is responsible for all academic matters on campus, including curriculums

and faculty-student relations. "Academic affairs deals with all matters pertaining to the world of academia for the student body," said Committee member Michael Glynn.

Academic Affairs

Scott McCarty



"We make the bad good and the good better," said Scott McCarty.

According to the SGA Web site, COLA "serves as the external student voice to Burlington and the Vermont community."

They are, in essence, the town-gown relations committee. They work with Community Coalition and they routinely address issues between UVM students and Burlington residents.

Legislative Action

Jesse Bragg



According to the SGA Web site, "The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) is responsible for student

interest in the areas of racial and cultural diversity, social equity and the environment."

CODEE, the newest committee on the SGA, was previously under the control of the Student Action Committee.

Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics

Harry Mallory



organizations." SGA Web site.

"We manage the Student Govsociations \$1.4 n said Harry Mall

Finance

Emma Grady

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Lydia Morin

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Chris Shackett

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Julia Michel

Christina Wehry

Katie Conrad

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Ben Wolfson

Joe Sheridan

Megan Benay

Lauren Buck

Kevin Issador

Ben Wolfson



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## Vincent-Bryan



According to the SGA Web site, the vice president is responsible for "executing the vision of the executive branch of Student Government."

The vice president is responsible for the oversight and operation of the executive cabinet and presiding over meetings of the executive office.

Vincent-Bryan is the chair of the Student Appointments Committee and is responsible for managing all the representatives and applicants. Vincent-Bryan's is focused on SGA management and operations support.

### Vice President

## Michael Glynne



"I facilitate the Senate meetings as set by the SGA constitution, precedent and my rules of order," said Glynne.

According to Glynne, the speaker is nominated by another senator, a confirmation hearing and a 2/3 vote from the SGA body.

The speaker also has responsibilities outside of the meetings, "I have to invite people to public forum, make the agenda, get resolutions signed and print and provide copies of the resolutions," he said.

### Speaker

## Elizabeth Mazer



The Public Relations Committee, according to the SGA Web site, is responsible with keeping the student body up to date with what the SGA

is doing.

"Public affairs helps to increase communication, organizes intrasenate activities and helps to assess students needs through the VSOP poll," said committee member Katy Jones

### Public Relations

## Marissa Couzens



The Student Activities Committee, according to the SGA Web site, is responsible for overseeing all activities related to SGA clubs and

organization.

"They focus on student interests specifically those not related to University ordained programs," said committee member John Colin-Quinn.

The committee maintains all student clubs.

### Student Activities

## James Taylor



The Student Action committee, according to the SGA Web site, represents student interests including "athletics, arts and culture, Greek life,

student life, student safety and residential life."

"The student action committee ensures that the student interests and concerns are brought to every level of discussion here at the University," said Jay Taylor.

### Student Action

Jane Zucker

Matt Goodman

Katherine Jones

Justin Senni

Ben Wolfson

Nick Carter

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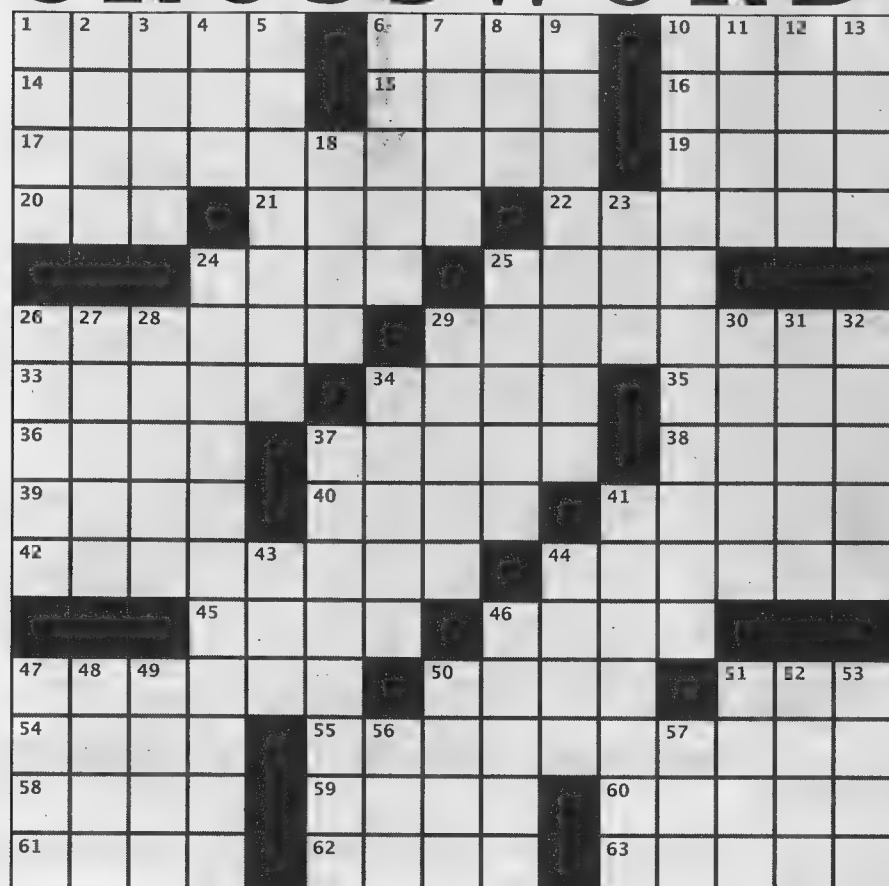
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6- Cease moving  
10- Stare stupidly  
14- Milk snake  
15- On or towards the Mediterranean, for example  
16- Dash  
17- Audience of television viewers  
19- Roman emperor  
20- Basque separatist organization  
21- Like some fir trees  
22- First-born  
24- Foolish  
25- Bhutan's continent  
26- Acquiescence  
29- Inseparable friend  
33- Resounding blow  
34- Wanting  
35- Island in central Hawaii  
36- Dynamic beginning  
37- Bearded woman, say  
38- "The \_\_\_ Dead", classic horror movie  
39- Quantity of paper  
40- Get in a hand  
41- Plait, old-style  
42- Republic in E Africa  
44- Elevated  
45- DEA agent  
46- Traditional knowledge  
47- Adventurous expedition  
50- One telling tales  
51- Biblical high priest

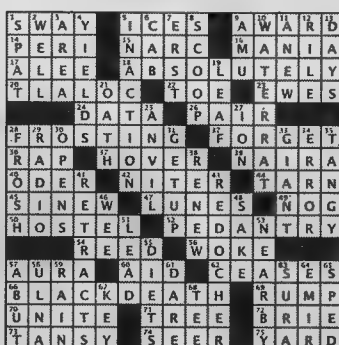
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- 54- Paint layer  
55- Impartial  
58- Go back, in a way  
59- Wash  
60- Knobby  
61- Woodland animal  
62- Ireland  
63- Sleazy  
1- Rescue  
2- Passage into a mine  
3- Notion  
4- Of recent origin  
5- Sea cucumber  
6- Lacks  
7- Wan  
8- Wreath of flowers  
9- Hand woven pictorial design  
10- Body of gendarmes  
11- Sheltered, nautically  
12- Bloody conflicts  
13- Gnarl  
18- Fissure  
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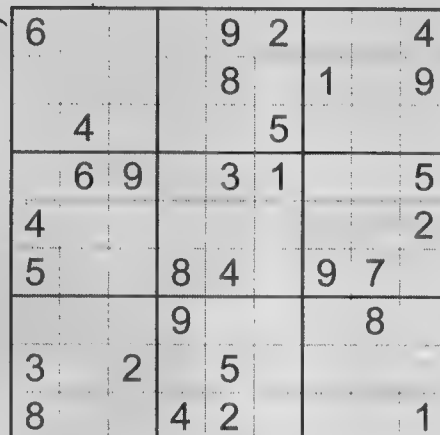
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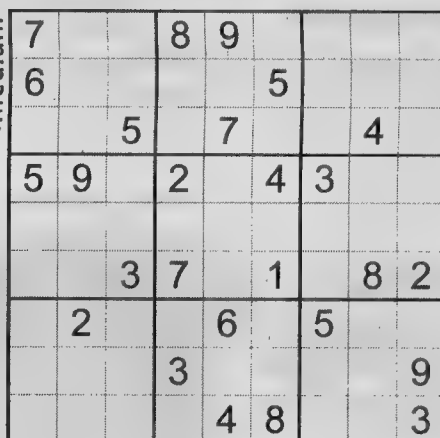
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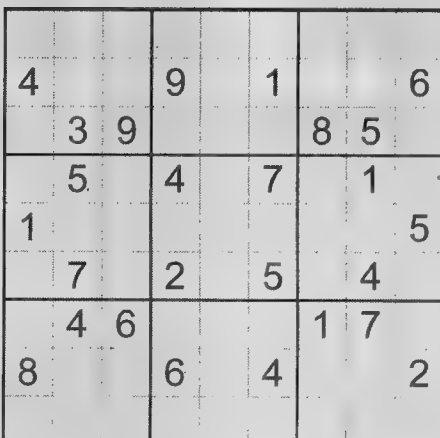
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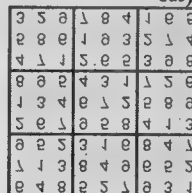
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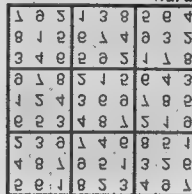
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## Last Week

Tuesday, October 16 –  
Monday, October 22

Wednesday, October 17

Men's Soccer vs. UMBC  
— 2 OT Tie

Vermont: 0-0-0-0 – 0  
UMBC: 0-0-0-0 – 0

Thursday, October 18

Women's Soccer vs. Albany  
— Win

Vermont: 1-2 – 3  
Albany: 0-1 – 1

Friday, October 19

Field Hockey @ Maine  
— Win

Vermont: 0-2 – 2  
Maine: 1-0 – 1

Saturday, October 20

Men's Soccer @ Hartford  
— 2 OT Tie

Vermont: 0-0-0-0 – 0  
Hartford: 0-0-0-0 – 0

Women's Hockey @ Cornell

— Loss  
Vermont: 0-0-0 – 0  
Cornell: 1-0-2 – 3

Sunday, October 21

Field Hockey vs. Columbia  
— Win

Vermont: 1-0 – 1  
Columbia: 0-0 – 0

Women's Soccer @ UMBC

— Loss  
Vermont: 0-2-0 – 2  
UMBC: 2-1-1 – 2

Women's Hockey @ Cornell

— Loss  
Vermont: 1-1-2 – 4  
Cornell: 0-0-1 – 1

Men's Hockey vs. Boston College

— Tie  
Vermont: 0-1-2 – 3  
Boston College: 0-2-1 – 3

## Conference Standings

### America East Field Hockey

Boston University – (4-0) Overall – (13-5)  
Albany – (3-1) — Overall (13-4)  
Vermont – (3-1) Overall – (12-5)  
New Hampshire – (2-2) Overall – (9-9)  
Maine – (0-4) Overall – (4-11)  
Fairfield – (0-4) Overall — (3-15)

### America East Men's Soccer

UMBC – (3-1-1) Overall – (7-4-3)  
Binghamton – (3-1-0) Overall – (11-3-0)  
Boston University – (2-1-1) Overall – (8-5-1)  
Hartford – (1-1-2) Overall – (6-4-3)  
New Hampshire – (1-1-2) Overall – (4-4-5)  
Albany – (1-1-2) — Overall – (2-8-3)  
Vermont – (1-2-2) Overall – (4-9-2)  
Stony Brook – (1-3-1) Overall – (7-6-2)  
Maine – (1-3-1) Overall – (3-10-1)

### America East Women's Soccer

New Hampshire (6-1-0) Overall – (10-5-1)  
Boston University – (5-1-0) Overall – (8-6-2)  
Stony Brook – (4-1-2) Overall – (7-3-5)  
Hartford – (3-1-2) Overall – (5-6-4)  
Maine – (3-2-1) Overall – (5-6-3)  
Binghamton – (1-4-1) Overall – (2-10-3)  
Albany – (1-5-0) Overall – (4-8-3)  
UMBC – (1-5-0) Overall – (2-11-2)  
Vermont – AE – (0-5-0) Overall – (2-13-1)

## Triathletes end season in triumph



Left: Triathletes sprint into the water for the first leg of the three-part contest. The swim is followed by biking and running.  
Right: Junior Lauren Anderson (10) runs the final component of an NECTC race.



(UVM Club Triathlon Team)

“Your body can do it. You just have to tell and push it to do so.”

— Shannon Bradley, junior triathlete

### Vermont recently earned the title of co-champion in the NECTC conference to close their season

By JAKE AHRENS  
Staff Writer

The triathlon club recently ended their season as co-champions of the Northeast Collegiate Triathlon Conference (NECTC) with Boston University.

The competitive world of UVM's triathlon club revolves around one of sports' physical anomalies: pushing the body to its limits and then pushing farther.

“Your body can do it,” junior triathlete Shannon Bradley said. “You just have to tell it and push it to do so.”

A triathlon consists of three consecutive components: swimming, biking and running.

The championship race, held on Sept. 29, was one of two types of triathlons in which the team participates. Catamount athletes compete in both sprint and Olympic events.

A sprint triathlon, such as the NECTC race or the “Mightyman Sprint,” consists of a 700-meter swim, 17k bike ride and a five-kilometer run.

An Olympic triathlon is approximately double the distances in each segment of the race, according to the NECTC Web site.

There are both individual

winners and team champions as triathletes compete for personal finishes that then designate points to the team score.

The club competed in six races between August and October, including the NECTC championships in Long Island, which, according to the team, is worth double the normal points in conference rankings.

Competing in triathlons requires excellent endurance and the ability to push both the mind and body, the team said.

“We will run a certain distance, bike a certain distance or run down to the lake and swim and then run back,” junior Dan Bensen said.

Members of the club practice and train six days a week, focusing on a specific aspect of a triathlon each practice, club

president and senior Kathy Schneider said.

“Practices are endurance focused,” Schneider said. “As a team, we have fun pushing each other.”

The triathlon season goes from April to October, working around the weather and water temperature changes, Schneider said.

UVM's triathlon team is looking forward to the national collegiate triathlon held in Alabama in April, but for now they said they will wait out the winter, working to keep up their endurance for the beginning of next season.

“When you finish a triathlon, it's a huge morale booster,” Benson said. “You feel like you can do anything.”



Freshman Jessica Baker (5) prepares to take an uncontested shot on goal in Thursday's win over Albany. In Sunday's 2-1 loss to UMBC, Becker had two shots on goal.

(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

### WOMEN'S SOCCER Continued from 16

goalie Maria Lugori, who came off her line to challenge Laderoute's uncontested breakaway.

Albany would respond only minutes later with an unassisted strike from Ashley

Tirabassi.

Tirabassi shot from 30 yards out and soared over the head of sophomore goalie Eliza Bradley, cutting the Catamount lead in half.

Albany increased the offensive pressure, seeking the equalizing goal, but stifling defense from freshman Caitlin McGowan and junior Emi-

lie Rowe held in check the remainder of Albany's attacks.

The Cats put the game out of reach when freshman Gabby Bonfigli headed in a sharp cross from Becker at the 83-minute mark, securing the Cats' their first conference victory and placing them in the running for the America East playoffs.

“We are excited to be in the hunt for a playoff spot,” Francis said. “We will continue to work hard down the stretch”

With the victory the Cats stand at 2-12-1 overall with a conference record of 1-4-0, while Albany falls to 4-8-3 and 1-5-0 in America East.



# Cats claw back to tie #4 Boston College



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore forward Jay Ancil (16) celebrates after scoring his game-tying goal, ending the scoring for both teams at 3-3. Ancil was assisted by senior forward Reese Wisnowski.

**Overtime not enough to break 3-3 deadlock for men's hockey**

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer

The University of Vermont men's hockey team opened their Hockey East schedule with a 3-3 comeback tie against visiting #4 Boston College on Sunday.

In front of the 59th consecutive sellout crowd at Gutterson Fieldhouse, the Cats erased a two goal deficit in the third period with strikes junior Peter Lenes and sophomore Jay Ancil.

Finishing with 30 saves, senior backstop Joe Fallon paced the Cats as they bettered their early season record to 0-2-1 (0-0-1 Hockey East).

"I was impressed with our battle," head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "Our players were put in a lot of different situations tonight and did a great job."

In a hard-hitting affair, the Cats passed their first test midway through the first period.

After losing freshman forward Wahs Stacey to a hitting-from-behind ejection, Vermont battled through his five-minute major penalty.

"I think that really sparked us," Sneddon said. "For us to weather that storm in our own building really gave us confidence that 'hey, we can play with this team.'"

After a scoreless first period, UVM fell behind 2-0 early in the middle stanza, but was able to claw back late in the period.

With 17 seconds remaining, junior assistant captain Dean Strong fired a twisted wrister from the corner past BC netminder John Muse to pull UVM within one goal heading into the second intermission.

"We were down 2-0," Lenes said. "Going into the third 2-1 was huge for us."

After another BC goal at 2:29 of the final period, the Cats answered when a racing Lenes unleashed a rocketing slap shot from the top of the circle at 3:51 that eluded Muse to make the score 3-2.

The Cats evened the score at 13:11.

After a faceoff in the BC end, an opportunistic Ancil picked up the puck and squeezed it past Muse.

A scoreless sudden death overtime period ended the contest in a draw.

"Sure, we would have liked to get the two points," Sneddon said. "There were a lot of things that we saw out there tonight that we can continue to build on."

"[The tie] is tremendous for our confidence," Ancil said. "We went to Miami and played a very good hockey team. We battled there but it didn't fall in our hands. Tonight, we can build off this."

After a two-game sweep by #2 Miami (Ohio) and the tie with BC, the Cats look for their first win Sunday, Oct. 28 when they host Dartmouth at 4 p.m.

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

A column by The Vermont Cynic Sports Staff

Bad Week for #2s  
By DAKOTA RUBIN

After watching the #2 ranked California Golden Bears fall Oct. 13 at the hands of unranked Oregon State, the new #2, South Florida saw their perfect record swept aside by Rutgers on Thursday night.

This marks the fifth team ranked in the top three to lose this season.

All five teams lost to unranked opponents in their conference.

Good Week for the National League  
By NICK DECARO

At least the NL has a chance to win the World Series with the Rockies' recent successes.

Solid pitching and big bats have propelled the Mile-High Mashers' continuing dominance over everything in their path.

Led by veteran gold-glover Todd Helton, MVP front-runner Matt Holliday and Rookie of the Year candidate Troy Tulowitzki, can anyone stop the Rocks?

Good Week for the Knicks  
By KAT WILLIAMS

The Knicks' starting center, Eddy Curry, was cleared to practice a week earlier than expected.

Curry, who was forced to rest due to a tear in his right labrum, can now resume all play with the protection of a brace on the injured shoulder.

Bad Week For Vince Young  
By ZACH PARKER

The Titans' QB strained his right quad during a freak play on Oct. 14 in an attempt to stop himself out of bounds.

Following the injury, Young watched from the sidelines as his Titans fell to the upstart Buccaneers.

Young watched from the sidelines again this Sunday as the Titans barely beat the Texans.

Bad Week for the Seahawks  
By JAKE AHRENS

After starting the season 3-1, the Seahawks have dropped the last two games by a combined score of 17-49.

Their star running back Shaun Alexander, has been just as bad.

Alexander has recorded a whopping total of 60 rushing yards in those two losses.

# View from the Sidelines

## A look at the National Football League brought to you by Ibi Tariq NFL Predictions – Week Eight

### Game of the week

**Jacksonville at Tampa Bay** — Jeff Garcia and David Garrard have both done outstandingly well getting their respective teams to fast starts this season. Now, both will need to play mistake-free football in this battle of playoff hopefuls.

If Tampa had an established running game, I'd like them a lot more. The Jaguars' three-headed offensive monster of David Garrard, Maurice Jones-Drew and Fred Taylor should be enough.

Jacksonville over Tampa Bay, 23-18

### The best of the rest

**Pittsburgh at Cincinnati** — A couple years ago this was a premier divisional matchup. Not anymore. Pittsburgh is an elite team and Cincy has gone the wrong way this year. QB Ben Roethlisberger and RB Willie Parker should have a good day against the Bengals' defense.

Steelers over Bengals, 26-14

**Indianapolis at Carolina** — QB Vinny Testaverde is old, but he can still win games. He improves the Panthers' shot at winning more than David Carr, but won't be able to score enough against Indy's much improved defense to keep pace with Manning and the Colts' explosive offense.

Colts beat Panthers, 28-13

**Detroit at Chicago** — A pivotal NFC North showdown. Both of these clubs need a win to gain momentum in the seemingly unpredictable NFC. Look for the Lions to go with multi receiver sets and run out of spread formations to take advantage of a weakened Bears defense.

Lions hunt down the Bears, 20-14

**Oakland at Tennessee** — Oakland has improved, but the titans are still the better team. Daunte Culpepper won't be able to do much under the pressure of Kyle Vanden Bosch.

Titans defeat the Raiders, 24-14

**Giants at Miami** — With QB Trent Green now on injured reserve, the Cleo Lemon era may have begun in Miami. With the loss of Chris Chambers, Lemon needs to use his feet and a few miracles to overcome the sack-happy Giants and their vastly improved defense.

Giants squish the Fish, 30-14

**Cleveland at St. Louis** — Good news for Cleveland: half their season is over. Bad news for the Rams: Derek Anderson and a revitalized Browns offense. St. Louis's skeleton-crew offense should be replaced by now-healthy starters. Browns' Braylon Edwards and Kellen Winslow should score enough to overcome any Rams' surprises.

Cleveland beats the Rams, 30-17

**Philadelphia at Minnesota** — The Eagles-Vikings matchup will tell a lot about who's pretending and who's contending. RB Adrian Peterson is Minnesota's hope, given QB Tavaris Jackson's inconsistency. He needs to be on track to have the better day against Philly's favorite back, Brian Westbrook. I like the Westbrook-McNabb ticket.

Eagles defeat the Vikings, 23-17

**Buffalo at Jets** — I like Buffalo here. They've had a shot in almost every game; they have Marshawn Lynch and, whether

its Losman or Edwards under center, he's better than Chad Pennington.

Bills stomp the Jets, 23-14

**Houston at San Diego** — Norv Turner — don't try anything fancy. Houston cannot effectively run the ball and the Chargers have LaDanian Tomlinson. Tomlinson and Turner should control the clock and score enough to win.

Chargers beat Houston at home, 28-17

**Washington at New England** — The Redskins' secondary boasts four first-round draft picks. The Patriots offense? Tom Brady, Wes Welker, Donte Stallworth and Randy Moss — my only concern is New England's rushing attack, which is missing Sammy Morris.

Patriots over Redskins, 31-14

**New Orleans at San Francisco** — The Niners need this game to keep pace in the NFC. The Saints need this game because they simply need to get their season on track. Look for Reggie Bush and Drew Brees to start clicking in the Niners backyard.

Saints over 49ers, 25-17

**Green Bay at Denver** — The Broncos' Javon Walker is out, giving Jay Cutler fewer weapons against Green Bay's top-notch defense. Green Bay's RBs need to take pressure off Brett Favre and his receivers. The Packers defense should do enough even if RBs DeShawn Wynn, Vernand Morency and Brandon Jackson can't get the yardage.

Packers over Denver, 31-24

# FACE OFF

## THE MATCHUP

MIKE MURPHY VS. FARZIN MOJTABAI

JUDGING BY NICK DECARO



1.) With the Rockies sweeping their way through the postseason, can they take the World Series? Or is their ever-increasing number of wins down the stretch due to competing in the "weak" NL?

MM: The Rockies will not win the World Series.

Colorado has been beating teams such as the Dodgers, the Diamondbacks and the Phillies during their streak. While good, these teams aren't well balanced.

The Dodgers are barley over .500, there are 15 teams that have a better batting average in the NL than the Diamondbacks and the Phillies rank number 13 in ERA.

The Rockies are in for a surprise in the World Series when they play Cleveland, a top 10 team in the AL in batting average, runs, ERA and saves.

FM: The Rockies' run to the World Series is by no means a fluke as they have shown in their seven-game, postseason winning streak.

Last year's champs, the Cardinals, won only 83 games and had the worst record of any playoff team.

Winning the World Series is not about records or statistics, it's about getting things going at the right time, which the Rockies have done.

For all those who love stats, here's one: the Rockies posted a 21-12 record against AL teams this year including five of six from the Yankees and Red Sox.

They've more than earned their stripes.

2.) Bigger story this weekend: Vinny Testaverde becoming the oldest QB to start and win a game, or the Pats dismantling the Cowboys?

MM: Age is just a number, nothing more.

Fans of the NFL don't care how old you are. The only thing they care about is if you get it done on the field, if you can win championships.

The Patriots do exactly that.

They are 6-0 right now and are a favorite to win the Super Bowl.

The Pats are putting up staggering numbers this year and you can't compare that to someone recording a singular win.

Testaverde coming back to the league probably won't even be remembered in a couple of years.

The only story here is the Pats.

FM: The Patriots putting the bigheaded Cowboys in their place demonstrated the difference between a good team and a championship team.

Although Testaverde's accomplishment, as a 44-year-old quarterback, is remarkable, Brett Favre leading the Packers to a 5-1 record in the twilight of his career overshadows Testaverde.

The Pats and Cowboys are perennial favorites to play in the Super Bowl. The Pat's ability to pull a 48-27 drubbing off at Texas Stadium officially bestows upon them the label of being the team to beat in the NFL.

3.) After seeing Boise State and Nevada play a quadruple overtime barn-burner, tallying 136 points, is the college playoff system better than sudden death?

MM: Sudden death isn't only the most exciting playoff system to watch, it's the best way to prove who truly deserves to win the game.

Sudden death makes teams play with a sense of urgency and a passion to win.

If you let the other team score just once, you're going home a loser. If that doesn't get you fired up to play, you must be dead.

If all you want is a high score, turn on the NBA.

I'll take my heart pounding, nail biting and drama-filled sudden death playoff system any day.

FM: The college playoff system of overtime is much better than the NFL sudden death.

In the NFL, the coin toss to determine possession is more exciting than the overtime itself.

In college, you know when you go into overtime you have to outplay your opponent and put points on the board in order to win; whereas in the NFL, you need more luck than anything.

Any true sports fan would rather see a 136-point quadruple overtime thriller than witness a scrawny field goal kicker chip in a game-ending field goal before the other team can even take possession.

THE SCORE  
THE AL NEEDS TO GET  
OFF ITS HIGH HORSE

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FARZIN 2



# Catamounts "Tip-Off" season

## Basketball returns to Patrick Gym in an afternoon affair

By NICK NECARO  
Senior Staff Writer

Both the UVM men's and women's basketball teams participated in the Catamount Tip-Off Saturday afternoon at Patrick Gym.

The event was held to kick off the 2007-08 basketball season as well as to raise money for the Vermont Cancer Center and breast cancer awareness month.

Vermont's women's team took the floor first for a 20-minute inter-squad scrimmage.

The only players not to play were junior Jill Rademacher and sophomores Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos, the latter of who was sidelined with a leg injury.

The men's team followed suit with a scrimmage, with every player getting time on the floor.

Both teams were able to give the faithful Catamounts a taste of what to expect this season as well as a sneak peak at some new faces.

This year the women's team adds freshmen Tonya Young and Kelli Heir.

The men welcome Joey Accaoui, Pat Bergmann,

Evan Field and Garrett Kissel, along with Michigan State transfer Maurice Joseph, who will sit out this season as per league rules.

Vermont's varsity basketball teams then mixed things up with a co-ed scrimmage, pitting three women and two men on each team.

The Tip-Off ended with a 3-point shootout and a slam-dunk contest.

Junior co-captain Sarah Madey and junior Sy Janousek squared off in the women's round and ended with a title for Janousek.

For the men, it was junior co-captain Mike Trimboli against freshman Joey Accaoui, after which Trimboli took the honors.

After the individual rounds, Janousek and Trimboli faced off for bragging rights between teams; Trimboli walked away with the title.

Sophomore Marcus Blakely, junior Colin McIntosh and freshman Pat Bergmann dazzled the crowd with an aerial display for the dunk contest, highlighted by Blakey's 360-degree throw-down.

Freshman Evan Field took the crowd by surprise when, coming off the bench, he made a ridiculous off-the-wall slam to cap off the night in style.



(Josh Typrowicz-Cohen/Vermont Cynic)  
Senior Kyle Cieplicki (14) shoots the ball in Saturday's inter-squad scrimmage as freshman Garrett Kissel (45) moves to gain possession of a possible rebound.



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)  
Top: UMBC sophomore goalie Matt Henderson dives to gain possession of the ball.  
Bottom: Junior back Connor Tobin (15) falls after heading the ball over the bar and away from opposing attackers after a UMBC corner kick in the 0-0 tie on Oct. 17.

## MEN'S SOCCER

Continued from A16

tempt was blocked, as was the ensuing shot by Hill from the top of the box.

"The upside is that we are getting those opportunities," senior co-captain Panos Georgiadis said. "Right now we are not really a scoring threat."

"But our identity is getting a lot of chances so as long as we keep getting a lot of chances the goals will come. And we just got to keep our heads up and keep working through it," he said.

The Catamounts outshot the Retrievers 22 to six, but Kings' five saves kept UMBC in the game and gave them the chance to win, if not for a highlight-reel

**"That's the game. It's beautiful, but it can rip your heart out. I think the fans were living the roller coaster with us."**

- Jesse Cormier, head coach

save from his counterpart, junior Roger Scully.

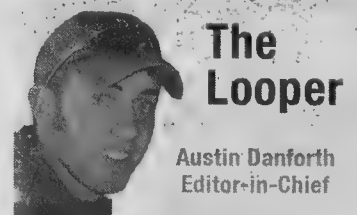
Midway through the second half, Retriever's junior Shondell Busby found a hole at the top of the box and blasted a shot directed at the back of the net.

A diving Scully just got a finger to it, tipping it over the cross bar, preserving the scoreless tie and locking up his third shutout of the season and increasing his career saves to 11.

"Our defending group has had a really good season," Cormier said. "It is not reflective in our record right now, but they've stuck together through a lot of frustrating moments."

"I think that our attacking group is going [to] come around," he said. "A lot of what we have done has really been hinging on the quality of our defense so now we really got to pull it all together."

The Cats once again ended in a 0-0 deadlock when they traveled to face Hartford on Saturday, Oct. 20.



## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## Caddying and lunacy

Oh, how I wish I was Jason Sobel last week.

I mean, yeah, I'd love to be a senior golf editor for ESPN.com, but he got to do that job, and try his hand at a professional looping (read: caddying) gig.

Talk about having your cake and eating it too — I would like either of those jobs and he gets to do both at the same time!

Really though, the joke's on Sobel. He and his loop, the Nationwide Tour's top money-winner this season, Roland Thatcher, failed to make the cut at the Chattanooga Classic.

OK, so maybe I'm the only one laughing.

I laugh because I've been there before, not on a professional circuit with a professional loop, but I've been on the bag for several teams that don't make it to the money rounds.

It stinks, a point that was not lost on Sobel.

What a field day we'd have at the caddyshack. Guy carrying one bag (we carry two at a time) for a PGA Tour-bound pro can't make it to the weekend at a Nationwide Tour event?

The likely verdict, as far as the shack is concerned: poor caddying.

Trust me, we don't want to get replaced by golf carts, or GPS yardage systems, but that's a different story for a different day.

The real story right now is about the Yankees and how they've treated their now-former manager, Joe Torre.

Torre may have been the only person wearing a Yankee uniform since I've been alive that I genuinely respected and didn't poke fun at.

He's a guy even Red Sox fans can't help but respect.

So how do the Yankees treat a manager who won them four World Series in five years, six pennants and 10 out of 12 division titles (including five in a row)?

Naturally, the Yankees offer him a one-year deal for less money. That is a slap in Joe Torre's face.

Way to go.

After the Yankees lost to Cleveland in the ALDS, the buzz around Torre's standing with the Yankees resumed louder than before.

One of the first things I picked out from the chatter was ESPN's talking heads questioning Yankees owner George Steinbrenner's mental capacity. I mean, Steinbrenner's barely 77.

I did a double take then, thinking it was mean-spirited and bordering on rude, but now I'm having second thoughts. Maybe the entire Yankees front office has lost it.

Baseball is a business and Steinbrenner leads one of the most cutthroat teams in the game.

There are expectations, I get that.

But to push a guy away — one who's won you four World Series rings and six pennants — for not winning you a World Series in seven years or a pennant in four?

That is lunacy.





## This Week

Tuesday, October 23 –  
Monday, October 29

### Wednesday, October 24 Men's Soccer

@ Maine  
Orono, Maine, 3 p.m.

### Thursday, October 25 Women's Soccer

vs. Maine  
Centennial Field, 2:30 p.m.

### Friday, October 26 Women's Hockey

@ Dartmouth  
Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 27 Cross Country

America East Championships  
Stony Brook, N.Y., 11 a.m.

### Swimming

vs. Northeastern  
Forbsh Natatorium, 12 p.m.

### Field Hockey

@ Boston University  
Boston, Mass., 1 p.m.

### Sunday, October 28 Women's Soccer

@ Hartford  
West Hartford, Conn., 2 p.m.

### Men's Hockey

vs. Dartmouth  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

## Next Week

Tuesday, October 30 –  
Monday, November 2

### Wednesday, October 31 Men's Soccer

vs. Binghamton  
Centennial Field, 2 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

vs. Concordia (preseason)  
Patrick Gym, 7 p.m.

### Friday, November 2 Field Hockey

America East Championships  
TBA, TBA

### Women's Hockey

vs. Boston College  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, October 20 Women's Soccer

America East First Round  
TBA, TBA

### Men's Soccer

vs. Boston University  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

### Swimming

@ New Hampshire  
Durham, N.H., 2 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

vs. Saint Michael's (preseason)  
Patrick Gym, 3:30 p.m.

### Women's Hockey

vs. New Hampshire  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

vs. Bishop's  
Patrick Gym, 7 p.m.

### Sunday, October 21 Field Hockey

America East Championships  
TBA, TBA

### Women's Soccer

America East First Round  
TBA, TBA

### Swimming

@ Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, Mass., 12 p.m.

# Catamounts get on the board

Women's soccer tops  
Albany 3-1 for their  
first conference point

By FARZIN MOJTABAI

Staff Writer

UVM women's soccer captured their first conference win of the season, posting a 3-1 victory over Albany on Thursday, Oct. 20, snapping an 11-game losing streak.

"As coaches we are excited for these players today," head coach Kerry Dżiczkaniek said. "We will take this spirit and bring it to [conference play]."

Albany came in with a high-powered offense behind freshman Teresa Boring, the America East conference leader in each scoring category with 17 points on eight goals and one assist.

The Catamounts struck first, five minutes into play, with a goal that junior Lexie Kaknes headed into the top corner of the net.

Sophomore Carson Laderoute sent a clean cross to freshman Jessica Becker, who sent a perfectly timed pass to set up Kaknes' goal.

UVM dominated the first half of play. Led by the dribbling of Becker and controlled midfield play of junior Kaitlin



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Freshmen Caitlin McGowan (13) and Jessica Baker (5) team up to keep possession away from Albany in the win last Thursday. McGowan recorded one shot on goal and Becker tallied two points on two assists in the contest.

Francis, the Cats subdued the fiery Albany attack.

The first half ended at 1-0 for the Cats, and could have been more, but for a near miss

of a second goal off a deflected shot by freshman Sasha Morrey.

UVM picked things up right where they left off, scor-

ing within the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Laderoute sent the ball

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## Cats tie BC Eagles



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(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

## Double OT draws for men's soccer

Men's soccer played two scoreless games into two overtime periods against Hartford, UMBC

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

The University of Vermont's men's soccer team extended their home scoreless streak to three games when they drew 0-0 with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (6-4-3, 2-1-1 AE) on Wednesday afternoon at Centennial Field.

Vermont (4-9-1, 1-2-1 AE) had a chance to end the game five minutes into the overtime period, but a shot by senior Justin Geibel ricocheted off the cross bar.

The shot came after a freekick by senior Loren Hill was redirected to Geibel, who ripped a try from just inside the box. The shot struck the post and deflected downwards, appearing to cross the goal line.

The force of the strike shook the net and caused the Cats bench to erupt, thinking that they had won.

"That's the game," head coach Jesse Cormier said. "It's beautiful, but it can rip your heart out. I think the fans that were here are kind of living the roller coaster with us."

Geibel and Hill almost ended the game in regulation when they combined to take four shots in quick succession in the 70th minute. As with their chance in overtime, the post was not friendly to the Cats.

After fighting to keep the ball alive, junior Jordan Crasilneck crossed the ball into the center to Hill, who rocketed a shot from the top of the 18-yard box that deflected off the cross bar.

The ball fell to Geibel's feet, but his shot was saved by the Retrievers' junior goalie, Steve King.

The rebound came back to Geibel, but his second at-

MEN'S SOCCER - A15

## Cats' Skills

By KAT WILLIAMS

1. What do you like most about playing for and competing with UVM?

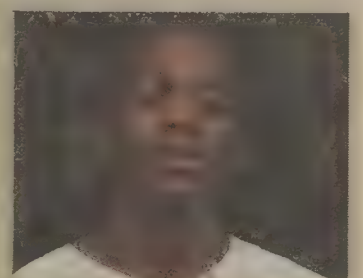
I like that you are brought into the family atmosphere at UVM. Being in our program keeps you busy so you have to be able to focus on academics as well as athletics.

2. How do you feel you contribute to the team?

I contribute as a positive role model and as a team player. Trying to be part of the offense and score goals is just part of being a forward so we all have to contribute at both ends.

3. What is your goal for the rest of the season?

Our team's main goal is to be America East champion and qualify for the NCAA Tournament. There is still a lot of soccer to be played, so we have to take it one game at a time.



**T.J. Gore**  
Men's Soccer  
sophomore



## Feds to seize fraternity

**Decision comes after police discovered drug trafficking ring at Vermont's oldest fraternity**

By DANIELLE DIARBAKERLY  
Senior Staff Writer

U.S. Marshalls might seize Lambda Iota fraternity's house on Pearl Street for large scale trafficking of cocaine, according to a Press Release from the United States Attorney's office released Friday morning.

The release stated Members of Lambda Iota were selling cocaine out of their house to other members of Lambda Iota, members of their Board of Governors and others.

The members of Lambda Iota sold thousands of dollars of cocaine during the period between September 2006 and April 2007 according to Affidavit completed Friday by Burlington Police Department Detective Andrew Frisbie.

The house, which was left to Lambda Iota Society by Arthur Hill several years after his death, was considered to be used for felony acts, according to the affidavit.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

The fraternity Lambda Iota as seen from Pearl Street. Lambda Iota will be seized by U.S. Marshalls under orders from the U.S. Attorney.

On Friday, the government announced they will seize the house as part on an on going investigation, said Deputy Chief Michael Shirling.

On April 27, 2007, the Burlington Police Department executed a search warrant and arrested Issac Goldman, who at the time was a freshman at

UVM and Lambda's former President Chris Duncan, according to the affidavit.

Jay Taylor, chairman of the Student Action Committee said he remembered seeing a lot of police outside the house in the spring.

When Goldman was arrested, police seized "five cell

phones, a digital scale, a snorting device, baggies and marijuana paraphernalia," according to the affidavit. They also found \$900 in Duncan's room, according to the affidavit.

They also searched the residence of Bent Cardan, also known as "B," who lived on South Willard Street in a

house owned by a member of the Lambda Iota Board of Governors, known as "headquarters," who was also arrested, according to the Affidavit.

Cardan was the main supplier to Duncan and Goldman, according to the Affidavit.

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## Graffiti smears SGA Speaker, L/L



(Paul Cooley/Vermont Cynic)

Students walk past graffiti drawn by an unknown person. The graffiti attacks SGA Speaker Michael Glynne, possibly for his decisive role in the defeat of the Red Cross resolution that came before SGA two weeks ago, saying, "Mike Glynne is a heterosexist shithead." The graffiti was taken down earlier in the week, but was replaced the following evening.

## Asbestos found inside Coolidge, UVMtv left homeless indefinitely

By CHRISTINA TODD  
Staff Writer

Chairs, desks and computers piled to the ceiling in one room of the UVMtv station give way to a partially lifted carpet, which was sealing in asbestos beneath the tiles.

The UVMtv station, located in the basement of Coolidge, is nearly emptied after Residential Life staff lifted a patch of carpet, cracking a tile and revealing asbestos beneath the floor on Thursday morning at around 9 a.m.

"It's not a big deal," said Walter Bartlau, the information technology professional for Residential Life.

Bartlau was helping dismantle computers in the station in an attempt to upgrade the space and replace the carpet when the asbestos was found, he said.

He lifted a piece of the car-

pet, which was coming up easily, but a tile cracked, he said.

"Once anything moves, in an old building like that, you have to stop immediately and have someone check for asbestos," Bartlau said.

Asbestos was commonly used in construction before it was found to be harmful. If it becomes air borne, dust particles can stay in the lungs and are known to increase a person's risk of cancer, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Web site.

Those present contacted Hazmat, a UVM affiliated risk management group, which determined there were levels of asbestos beneath the tiles, said Stacey Miller, director of Residential Life.

"I had no idea they found asbestos," Chris Slania, first floor RA in Coolidge, said Friday afternoon. "The rumor

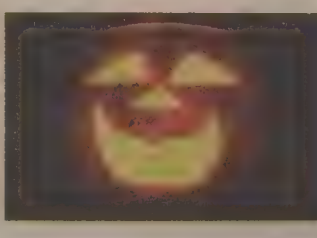
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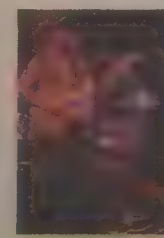
Women's soccer ends season with 2-0 loss to Hartford in America East playoffs

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Goblins, ghosts and ghouls: a bit of the history behind Halloween

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Umphrey's McGee visits Higher Ground

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# UVM touted as leader in sustainability

## UVM receives A- overall and Gioia Thompson recognized for her work

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO

Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff of UVM can now officially refer to the University as a sustainable, green establishment.

The Sustainable Endowments Institute voted the University of Vermont as one of the top six sustainable college leaders out of 200 in the U.S. and Canada in their 2008 College Sustainability Report Card.

According to their Web site, the Institute is, "... a non-profit organization engaged in research and education to advance sustainability in campus operations and endowment practices."

Based on the evaluation of eight categories (Administration, Climate Change and Energy, Food and Recycling, Green Buildings, Transportation, Endowment Transparency, Investment Priorities and Shareholder Engagement) the Institute administers an over-

all grade to each school that submits data.

Besides the University of Vermont, top sustainability leaders included Carleton College, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Middlebury College and the University of Washington.

UVM earned such high scores (A- overall) because it has such efficient transportation methods, according to <http://www.INSIDEHigherEd.com>.

The data submitted by the school stated that UVM has used biodiesel on all buses since 2002, and six out of ten buses have been modified to run on all natural gas.

In addition, the Sustainable Endowments Institute gave UVM an A in the Green Buildings category, since all new renovations and construction must be LEED-certified.

It also gave UVM an 'A' in Food and Recycling because it purchases 30 percent of its food from Vermont and 35 percent of waste is diverted from the landfill, according to the Institute's Report Card statistics.

UVM Environmental Coordinator Gioia Thompson was recognized for her full-time dedication to the University's



(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

Students work to separate trash from recycling in movement to encourage environmentally conscious behavior on campus.

sustainability projects, as well.

Thompson clarified that the University did not appear on the Institute's list last year because they only looked at the top 100 greatest endowments, rather than a spectrum of various categories.

According to <http://www.INSIDEHigherEd.com>, Thompson explained that despite the award, the school still has a long way to go to reach its goals for a greener institution.

UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel agreed. "It is gratifying when the lived-out

values of our community are recognized in this way," he said, "but we want to be clear that we have a great deal more to do to achieve carbon neutrality and to make all of our institutional practices and operations the kind of model we would like them to be."

## English professor wins Bordighera Poetry Prize

By JULIA DROST

Staff Writer

Professor Tony Magistrale of the UVM English department was recently selected as the 2007 winner of the Bordighera Poetry Prize, according to a University Communications press release.

Magistrale was selected for his manuscript "What She Says About Love", a collection of poems that have been compiled over the last 25 years, Magistrale said.

Magistrale said that the manuscript is divided into two halves; the first being about Europe and the second more of a collection of poems from various sources that still speak to the concept of "she" that is referenced in the title.

Some of the poems about Europe were written while Professor Magistrale was overseas, some were written



(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

while he was here and some are about memories of his time in Europe, he said.

Magistrale is often asked what the title of the manuscript refers to.

He said, "the 'she' is a lot of different 'shes.' Sometimes it's my wife, sometimes it's women that I see on the street, sometimes it's a mythological female, sometimes it's Italy. The 'she' is a very amorphous pronoun and some of the 'shes' are even from television and

from movies."

The subject matter of the poems are as varied as the wide-ranging definitions of "she," Magistrale said.

"Some of them are love poems, bizarre love poems. Some of them are about an image that's been sparked and then turned into a poem. So some of them are not even really poems, some of them are about fantasy projections of images."

Magistrale saw the contest advertised in the magazine *Poets and Writers* and he "submitted the whole manuscript but changed the way I had it formulated in terms of its content, so the Italian poems were way up front. I think these are the poems that I probably worked on the hardest, so it's great that they were the ones that really sold the manuscript."

According to the Italian American Writers Web site,

the Bordighera Press, and the Sonia Raiziss-Giop Charitable Foundation have sponsored the annual prize since 1997, which is designed to find the best manuscripts of poetry by

**"Some of them are love poems, bizarre love poems. Some of them are about an image that's been sparked and then turned into a poem."**

**- Tony Magistrale, English Professor**

an American poet of Italian descent.

The Web site explains that Tony Magistrale was born in Buffalo, New York, and is the grandson of Italian immigrants from Bari, Italy.

The Bordighera Press will

hire an Italian translator and will print a bilingual edition of the collection because "part of this prize is about preserving the Italian language in America," Magistrale said.

In addition to the book contract, winning this contest includes a cash prize for both Magistrale and the translator of his poems, according to the University Communications press release.

The contest was run by "four" judges [who] went through 72 manuscripts, then it was vetted to 10. Then Michael Pama, who is a distinguished poet himself, vetted the 10 down to one and I won," said Magistrale.

Magistrale will be honored for his work at a ceremony, reception, and reading that is being held on Nov. 8 at the City University of New York, according to the University Communications press release.

## Professor Gause honored with Dean's Lecture award

### Scholar spoke on Iraq War and issues facing the Middle East

By FARZIN MOJTABAI

Cynic Correspondant

Associate professor of political science Gregory Gause received the fall 2007 Dean's Lecture award, presented to professors who simultaneously excel in both their teaching and professional roles.

Gause has been a UVM faculty member since 1995, focusing primarily on Middle Eastern studies.

Before coming to UVM, he taught at Columbia University from 1987 to 1995. He earned a

PH.D. in political science from Harvard University in 1987.

The lecture was entitled "Causes and Consequences of the War in Iraq." It centered on the reasons for the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and the ramifications in the follow-up to the war.

The night began with an introduction from a student of Gause's, Kirsten Leavitt, and a colleague, Caroline Beer, who referred to Gause as a "world class scholar."

Gause's lecture focused on four principal questions, including whether the war was planned before Sept. 11, the role of WMD and terrorism, and the role of democratization and American oil interests as a motivating factor for invasion.

Gause alluded to the notion that a division existed within

the Bush administration pertaining to the question of invading Iraq before Sept. 11. For example, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld pushed for war while President Bush was reluctant, he said.

Gause cited Sept. 11 as shifting Bush policy towards a perception of an "increased tolerance for risk" in foreign policy behind the "1 percent solution," stating that if even a 1 percent chance exists of a terror attack it must be treated as certainty.

WMD and alleged links between Saddam Hussein and Al-Qaida were described by Gause as part of a movement to build public support for the war effort.

Mention was made of the Bush Doctrine, a policy that states that the U.S. will not al-

low any "hostile states to have WMDs" as paving the way for a potential invasion.

Despite conflicting reports amongst the CIA and the U.S. Department of Energy as to the status of nuclear and other weapons in Iraq, these differences were "never reconciled before the war" due to a "bureaucratic logroll," Gause said.

Democratizing the region was portrayed as an addition to the foreign policy agenda, as only "fundamental change" in regional politics could halt terrorism, because the core of the problem ran deeper.

Gause wrote off the idea that the U.S. invaded Iraq purely for oil interests, while stating that no public evidence existed for an alternate theory claiming that the U.S. invaded for general American interests.

He then proceeded to address the consequences of the Iraq war, stating that the war effort has not turned out well and brought unintended consequences including growing Iranian and Islamist influence, high oil prices and escalating sectarian tensions in the region.

The potential of a war with Iran was also addressed by Gause, who said it was a "distinct possibility," however it would be relegated to aerial strikes on nuclear facilities and not an Iraq-like invasion.

The lecture ended with Gause noting that the Iraq war was poorly planned, resulting in additional unintended consequences than the inevitable few that occur in wartime.



"In late November or early December 2006, Duncan drove his car to Rhode Island with \$10,000 he obtained from Car-

"They began selling significant quantities of cocaine under this arrangement," the

The VISIONS document, which is the standard Greek organizations are held to, indicates that "Any Chapter that fails to meet conditions of its probationary or suspension status may face de-recognition."

Enrique Corredra, the Director of University Commu-

"We have always maintained very strongly that there is no place for that type of activity at UVM, we fully support both the efforts of the police and the U.S. attorney's office to deal with these types of injustice, to help rid our community and campus of that type of activity and that it should send a very strong message to everybody out there that people are serious about this and there can be very dire consequences for the choice to engage in that type of behavior," Corredera said.

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"As long as the space isn't tampered with it's not an expo-

"If it was a threat they would've had to tell us, but it still would've been nice to know," she

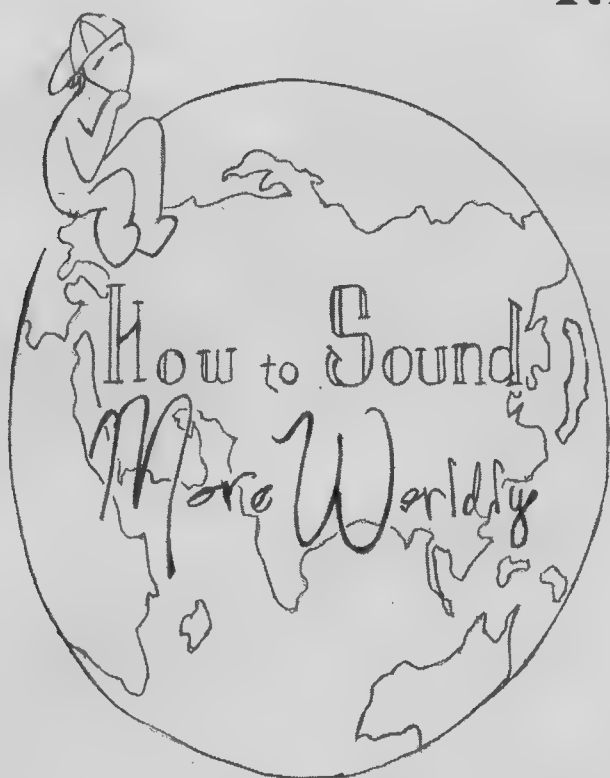
The process will not be cheap, but since Hazmat is UVM affiliated, the Residential Life budget should be able to cover it, Miller said.

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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### Air Force spy plane used for wildfires

The U.S. Air Force launched one of its remote-controlled Global Hawk spy planes last week to examine the behavior of California wildfires. It was the first time one of the planes has been used for domestic surveillance purposes.

### Lynne Spears to pen parenting book

Lynne Spears, mother of Britney, will write a book on what it was like to raise a pop princess. Although a manuscript has not been finalized, the book's publisher said the book will focus purely on the author's skills as a mother.

### Crude oil reaches new record price

Last Friday, the price of crude oil rose above \$90, a new record in the U.S. and 44 percent higher than one year ago. Soaring prices are due to an unexpected shortage in domestic supply, coupled with continued unrest in the Middle East.

### FEMA criticized for false news briefing

Last Tuesday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), who was harshly criticized for its response following Hurricane Katrina, held a briefing on its response to California wildfires, but no reporters showed up. The agency called the briefing 15 minutes before it happened, and FEMA employees asked questions, acting as reporters.

### Senate extends tax ban for Internet use

The U.S. Senate passed a bill last Thursday that extends a moratorium on the taxation of Internet use for seven years. The legislation was a compromise between senators advocating for an indefinite ban, and for the ban to be ended.

### Watson steps down after racy remarks

James Watson, the co-discoverer of the DNA double helix, resigned from his position as chancellor of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory last week. His resignation followed a remark that, overall, people of African descent are not as intelligent as people of European descent.

### Golden Gate Bridge to remain ad-free

The Golden Gate Bridge board of directors decided unanimously against corporate sponsorship of the San Francisco Bay span last week. A major sponsorship would have provided \$3 to \$4 million for bridge restorations, and allowed corporate logos to be mounted on the bridge and surrounding property.

### Apple places limits on iPhone sales

Apple recently enacted a two-per-person limit, and no longer accepts cash for the immensely popular iPhone. The new measures are part of an effort to discourage the resale of iPhones by unauthorized dealers.

### House persists on child health bill

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a new bill that would provide 10 million more children with health insurance. The president vetoed similar legislation last week, and promised to veto again should the bill reach his desk.

### One more week of daylight savings

Daylight savings time now ends one week later than in years past. The shift was part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. According to U.S. Congressional delegates, 100,000 barrels of oil are saved for every extra day the time change is delayed.

### Humanity at risk, U.N. study says

A United Nations report issued last week states that a failure to respond to global environmental issues is putting humanity at risk. The study found that on average, each person uses three times as many resources than the planet can supply.

### Astronauts expand Int'l Space Station

Astronauts added the newest room to the International Space Station last week. The room increases living space on the station by 17 percent. It is the first addition to the station in six years.

### White House guts CDC testimony

The White House made substantial changes to a written testimony from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to be given to a Senate committee on the health risks associated with climate change. Administration officials said last week that nearly half of the material was cut from the original document.

### Governors fight to save water in SE

Republican governors of Alabama, Florida and Georgia have appealed the Federal government to slow the water flow from the drying Lake Lanier, which supplies about 2.8 million people with drinking water. Outflow from the lake falls over federally-owned dams and is crucial to the survival of endangered species downstream.

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"That would have to depend on whether what goes outside the statute nonetheless lies within the authority of the president to defend the country."

-Nominated Attorney General Michael Mukasey, on presidents acting against legislation.

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**Democracy demands openness**

As members of the media, we have a particular interest in the transparency and accessibility of our government, but so should the entire population.

But in times of crisis, whether real or imagined, there is a tendency of a government to limit openness and honesty about its actions, and there is a parallel tendency of that government's people to accept increased secrecy and evasion.

National security becomes, in these times, a trump card for which otherwise unjustifiable secrecy suddenly becomes necessary.

Many great minds have provided us warning of this type of thinking, but Edvard Teller may have put it best, "The best weapon of a dictatorship is secrecy; the best weapon of a

democracy is openness."

If anything, it is in a time of crisis that democracy demands the most transparency. It is the very fact that we must cede greater powers to our rulers during these periods that we must be empowered with the tools of the press in order to identify and restrict abuse.

But it is the natural interest of the powerful to resist anything that could weaken them.

Today we see this in manifest in the secrecy surrounding Guantanamo Bay, an unwillingness to pursue court cases which could reveal too many national secrets and a more general contempt held for our nation's press.

And whether or not you think that our fears of terrorism or other threats are justified, you must never accept

the idea that our government can fairly excuse itself from explanation because democracy is, by definition, a collective action.

The power of a democracy, fundamentally is vested in its population. So we cannot simply trust the words of our leaders who will always claim to be right, good and virtuous. It is the job of the population to determine these things.

This is not to say that our government must always be something to be feared, but that, whether its actions are good or not, without the interest and participation of a population armed with complete and accurate knowledge of its workings a nation cannot be fairly called a democracy.

We of *The Cynic* call for greater openness in government.

**A changing industry's growing pains**

The infamous BitTorrent Web site OiNK was shut down Tuesday, Oct. 23. The Interpol-led raid came after a joint British and Dutch investigation, leading to the arrest of its (as of yet still unnamed) 24-year-old British operator.

During the site's three and a half-year run, the invitation-only private site was responsible for permitting its 180,000 members access to full albums from the largest (illegal) music library on the Internet.

With heavy hearts this most unfortunate news found us, and we feel it is important to address the implications of this invaluable site's shutdown.

With the advent of the Internet, music distribution has changed dramatically. Now that music has, in large part, become data without a tangible accompaniment, it can be easily shared from person to person.

Since the Napster case in 2001, the legality of file sharing has been a hot topic of talk in law courts and for fans of every medium capable of data-relegation.

The experience of recording music and distribution, beginning in the early 20th century, is a relatively recent phenomenon. It is a young art form, and simply because a complex system and industry have been cre-

ated to generate profit for artists and distributors does not mean that the system is not subject to change.

The music industry has met perpetual loss in the 2000s, and consequently become a wounded animal, striking the hands of the consumers that feed it, instead of reevaluating itself and adapting to the shifting landscape.

This industry has obviously reached a crossroads. The old system has been deemed inferior and a new system is taking its place.

Media have stressed the dubious claim that OiNK's focus was on leaking pre-released albums and that this was a "lucrative business" venture for its owner and operator. Both are untrue. OiNK did not advertise: it maintained its sizable bandwidth through private donations.

And though upwards of 60 records had been leaked on OiNK this year, it is a trifling point as hundreds of sites like it exist and will continue to leak records before they are released, and as true music fans will still buy the record if we wish to support the artist.

The days of forking over obscene amounts of money for recorded music are over. Artists and the industry must adapt, and the way to do this is

not by incarcerating music fans.

Those lucky enough to belong to the OiNK community had access to music that one could find nowhere else. It was a vast library where one could obtain even the most obscure, out-of-print 12" single by German producers whose names we can hardly pronounce.

And much of the music could be found at higher quality than the for-profit iTunes music store, for example.

Why should music fans feel compelled to purchase something which is at a lower quality than what they can get for free? OiNK's owner was a hero of music fans and audiophiles, not a criminal trying to deny artists deserved revenue.

Rather than fight change, artists should provide incentives for fans to continue purchasing their music, perhaps through a greater focus on packaging. And they could sell T-shirts and tour and perform more frequently.

BitTorrent sites are here to stay. Though OiNK has been shut down, there are hundreds of other sites to take her place. This is certain; the music industry must adapt or die.





Jacques is a member of the UVM cleaning staff that includes employees from Europe, Asia and Africa.

(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)



# Keeping Clean

By Vera Simon-Nobes & Emily Piccone

Every day the custodial staff come to work to clean up UVM's mess. They thanklessly and thoughtfully provide us with clean living and learning spaces. Yet, some students remain unappreciative — even rude. *The Cynic* takes a look at student-custodial relations.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Davis Center cleaning staff member Wanda repolishes windows on the fourth floor.

Everyone is familiar with “entitled college students.” These students are paying \$38,000 in out-of-state tuition, are away from home for the first time and could care less about who is cleaning their wake of trash.

But just because this scenario is familiar, it doesn't mean it is right, according to sophomore Jessica Serrante.

“It bothers me ... when people are pretentious. Just because their parents made enough money to send them here doesn't give them the right to belittle other people,” Serrante said.

A UVM student recently drew attention to the issue of respect for the custodial staff when the student's postcard appeared on the Web blog, “Post Secret.”

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-Anonymous submission at <http://www.post-secret.com>

While these “disgusting” incidents of mistreatment may not be reported, or even talked about, several students can attest to their existence.

One student recalled an occasion when she saw a male student have a “nice, warm interaction” with an Asian woman whom he knew through dining services. It wasn't until the woman was gone that things turned sour.

“As soon as she left, the guy's buddy asked him who that lady was. He joked around, and said ‘She's my mistress, I bang her. I go

over to her hut.”

Serrante recalls a similar story of when a group of girls on her hall left paper cuttings all over the floor after doing an art project.

“When I asked them if they were going to clean it up, they just laughed.”

Freshman Sam Quinn's story proved that some messes are worse than others. “Some dude in Harris told me that they all pee on the floor,” Quinn said.

Serrante believes that students can show more respect for custodial staff simply through “a nice smile or a ‘Good Morning’.”

Serifa Cicak, former custodian and now Bosnian translator/interpreter for the Custodial Department, said that these interactions go a long way.

“If (custodians) see you not smiling and not trying to communicate with them, then they don't want to communicate with you. You have to be friendly with students if you really want respect,” Cicak said.

Slavojka Avdibegovic, custodial lead for cook physical Sciences and Angel Lecture Center said she has a good relationship with the UVM community.

Although unsettling, these disrespectful incidents are thankfully not the norm. “So far we feel appreciated,” Slavojka said. “If you do something, they say, ‘thank you’.”

Zehra Isakovic and Senada Nikolic, both custodial maintenance workers in Cook and Angel said they have little to complain about.

“We have nice people, they are so honest with us,” Nikolic said. “But what are we going to do about the students who are so messy?” she asked the other women. “They leave trash between the chairs. We

complain only about that.”

Cicak agreed with the women, and said that when she was a custodian in Wright Hall, “the students were great. They were really nice and clean, really respectful and would stop and talk to me.”

## Merging cultures

Cicak, Avdibegovic, Isakovic and Nikolic come from very different backgrounds than most UVM students.

When war broke out in Bosnia, they left their jobs and in Zehra Isakovic's case, her family, to immigrate to Vermont in 1997.

The women said they learned English through their jobs in the Custodial Department.

“I didn't speak any English at first,” Avdibegovic said. “I worked with a Vietnamese woman, we didn't speak any English, but we talked, we worked, we used our hands to talk. I feel so good about it.”

Avdibegovic taught herself to read in English through reading Ann Landers' column in *The Burlington Free Press*.

“It's hard when you come from Bosnia to a new life, no friends. You need something to read!” Avdibegovic said.

The women now have *National Geographic* magazines and copies of *The Vermont Cynic* lying on their coffee table.

## Learning from Each Other

According its “Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals,” UVM's values include “a strong commitment to diversity in the student body, the faculty and staff, and the curriculums.” Similarly, part of UVM's “Mission” is to prepare students to “create, interpret and share knowledge.”

Slavojka Avdibegovic is an example of someone who is realizing the University's commitments.

“I have learned so much. At UVM, people are from so many places! Europe, Asia, Africa, it's international. Students and staff. I think we are one big family, even though we don't speak the same language,” Avdibegovic said.

While the four women say they have learned English from working here, they joke about having taught Bosnian to faculty and staff in Cook, proving that their relationship with the UVM community is based more on sharing their culture than issues of respect.

Sophomore Jared Hinrichs has had a positive relationship with the custodial staff that has lead him to be more appreciative. “I think they do a great job,” he said. “Recently I lost my wallet. I thought I may have thrown it out [I was digging through the trash] and one of the cleaning staff gave me a pair of gloves and helped me look for it for like 15 minutes.”

But he is also aware that not everyone is as appreciative. “We're in college, we're supposed to be living on our own, but we're really not. They do a great service and a lot of people don't appreciate it,” he said.

Junior Brandon Dickerman agrees. “Being at a University, we feel that we are better or that they are here to serve us,” he said. “I just say ‘Hello’ and be polite. I really think they appreciate when you're not an asshole to them.”

Sophomore Meagan Agoglia says that it is only a small minority of students that are disrespectful to custodial staff. However, student-staff relations can always improve, whether through sharing a language or simply saying “Good Morning” to the people who keep this University clean.



JEREMY SPIRO-WINN

## Out of balance

The United States census of 1790, taken three years after the ratification of the constitution, revealed that there were just under four million people living in the entire country.



Today, the population of Massachusetts alone is estimated at about six and a half million. The entire population of New York State at the time is one twenty-third that of modern-day New York City alone. The country's population as a whole has surpassed 300 million strong; a nearly 100 fold increase.

Yet we have continued to operate with a scheme of rep-

resentation that allocates only two senators per state.

And though our representation in the House of Representatives is allocated proportionally, the numbers of constituents per representative ranges from around 500,000 to nearly a million: in 1790 this type of representation would have meant only four to eight members of the house representing the views of the entire nation.

No wonder politicians these days seem so out of touch with their constituency.

How can we expect a diverse range of interests to be adequately represented when populations of districts are huge enough, in many cases, to be countries unto themselves? How can we expect a

senator representing millions of voters to resonate with and understand the concerns of their constituency? How can a person make their voice heard over the competition of countless others?

So although public participation in the process has come to be thought of as a most vital facet of our government, we have continually seen the value of the individual's contribution diminished.

More and more, we struggle to see the value in voting, voicing our opinions or even thinking about politics: there's just nothing that can be done by that individual voter.

As a result, our representatives seem unconnected with the sentiments of America. When Larry Craig was caught

soliciting sex in a bathroom, it was his fellow senators, more than the constituency whose interests he represents, that were seen calling for his resignation.

Nobody stopped to ask

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whether it was appropriate for members of Congress, living far beyond the borders of a representative's state, to so demand his removal.

Should this not be the province of voters? Or have we resigned ourselves to the reality that the voting base of the country is increasingly irrelevant?

It seems so.

The approval rating for Congress is around 11 percent and the president's has hit a historical low of 24 percent, yet very little is being done to change the nature of things.

The voices of reform that "We the people" seem to need are relegated to the fringes, and the idea of sweeping, reformist legislation taking effect is nothing more than a pipe dream.

Without better representation we cannot have a functional democracy.

Where's our new deal?

## Letters to the Editor

### Soaring

### Thinking about gender

President Fogel is soaring. "The President's Perspective" in the most recent *Vermont Quarterly* is a testament to just how high Fogel has gotten of late.

From what can be gathered from the soaring prose of the piece, the outlook for our dear institution is indeed the best it could possibly ever be: soaring. Nothing could be improved; everything is a superlative exclamation of joy and ebullience.

I only wish that I could have been a part of the soaring orgy of "feeling" that was the convocation ceremony. It really sounds like I missed the

defining historical moment of my generation.

Perhaps the University should hold such ceremony more often. It would certainly fit the pattern of soaring expansion currently underway.

In truth, more students means more learning, more square footage means greater excellence, more soaring means even higher.

Speaking of record applications, I don't know why anyone would apply to any other college, though it seems as though pretty much all colleges are receiving unprecedented numbers of applications (Could there be competition in

the stratosphere?).

In any event, the money is pouring in, and Fogel should soon be able to expand his burgeoning horde of vice presidents with ever soaring salaries.

Perhaps even the food service personnel and the physical plant workers will soon be soaring, the very books themselves will soar, the cost of education is, by any metric, absolutely soaring. I'm soaring.

Respectfully,

Robert Walker, class of 2006

## A green convert

You know me. I am the type of UVM student that you love to hate.

I'm from out-of-state, I'm here to ski and I wear my bug-eyed sunglasses rain or shine. I am a registered Republican. My first car got 11 miles to the gallon. I scraped my plate at the dining hall, but only when other people were watching. My blood could probably be marketed as a vaccine for Obama Fever.

I think you get the idea, so hold onto that heart-warming image as you picture me arriving at Intervale Compost Products last winter to begin a semester-long service-learning project.

As my communications major is a part of Community Development and Applied Economics, I have sat through my fair share of classes about sustainability and general tree-hugging.

I was exasperated that afternoon, to say the least. Driving through the fields to

ICP, the stench hit me faster than you can say "rotting organic material." It was nearly enough to send me straight back to civilization for some good-natured consumption.

Despite my reluctance, I took a deep breath (through my mouth), and unknowingly turned over the leaf of my college career.

We worked closely with the staff at Intervale Compost Products, learning firsthand about the organization, its waste-processing activities and the resources it offers to our beloved Burlington.

I soon realized that the smell was not the only thing resonating each time we left the Intervale; the ICP staff has an enthusiasm and a dedication to the agricultural well-being of Burlington that is contagiously inspiring.

Not only did I finish the semester with a smile on my face and biodegradation in my daydreams, I'm also working with ICP this fall as it faces its

shi — I mean, manure — storm of a controversy in the local news.

As ICP handles the issues surrounding its land use, let me express my sincere faith that this organization's utmost priority is nurturing our community and its resources.

Burlington is the tallest and greenest tree in a forest of cities aching to be sustainable, but our city's identity as a leading supporter of agricultural health has its strongest roots in Intervale Compost and the Center.

Though it appears to be a long road to the resolution of the controversy, I know that ICP has the spirit to prevail. After all, Intervale Compost achieved nothing short of a miracle when my iron heart started pumping green.

Sincerely,

Hayley Duval, class of 2008

I would like to take a moment to thank Patrick Brown, director of Student Life and the Davis Center, for his timely letter to the men of UVM.

I believe that more men in leadership positions, such as Brown should speak out on the issues surrounding gender violence, and that men have a responsibility and an opportunity to end all forms of violence in the UVM community.

As is evident in Brown's letter, sexual assault continues to be the pink elephant in the room that men rarely; if ever, discuss. Speaking about such issues may jeopardize our status as "one of the guys."

Men are encouraged, however, to talk endlessly about sports, hot women and music. Yet, as a group, many of us are silent on the impact that we as men have on the women of this community.

In my position as Men's Outreach Coordinator, I have had the privilege to engage in conversations with a diverse group of men.

I have found UVM men to be intelligent, sensitive and very enlightened on varying subjects. These men have spoken honestly and openly about gender violence and sexual assault.

That knowledge has not, however, manifested into action as they are reluctant to publicly address men's violence toward women.

Similar to Mr. Brown, my purpose in writing this letter is not to criticize men but to encourage them to begin to publicly and honestly address issues related to gen-

der violence. In this regard, I encourage men to "step up" and consciously work toward dismantling a community that created 95 new reports of rape (as reported by the Women's Center's Victim's advocate) during the last academic year.

Some men reading this letter may decide the topic does not pertain to you since you have never raped or sexually assaulted a woman.

Please consider the following: Have you ever made disparaging comments about women (when you were with your male friends) that you would not say in front of women?

If the answer is yes, then I ask that you consider the extent to which you may unknowingly participate in a system that objectifies and demeans women.

In closing, I encourage men reading this letter to become as familiar with the issue of gender-based and sexual violence as you are with sports and other topics that interest you. I encourage you to then take action to change the system.

Finally, I invite and encourage men and women to attend some or all of the activities of Men's Awareness Week during the week of Nov. 5-7 and to support UVM's efforts to end men's violence against women.

Please contact me for additional information regarding these events: keith.smith@uvm.edu.

Respectfully,

Keith E. Smith  
Men's Outreach Coordinator

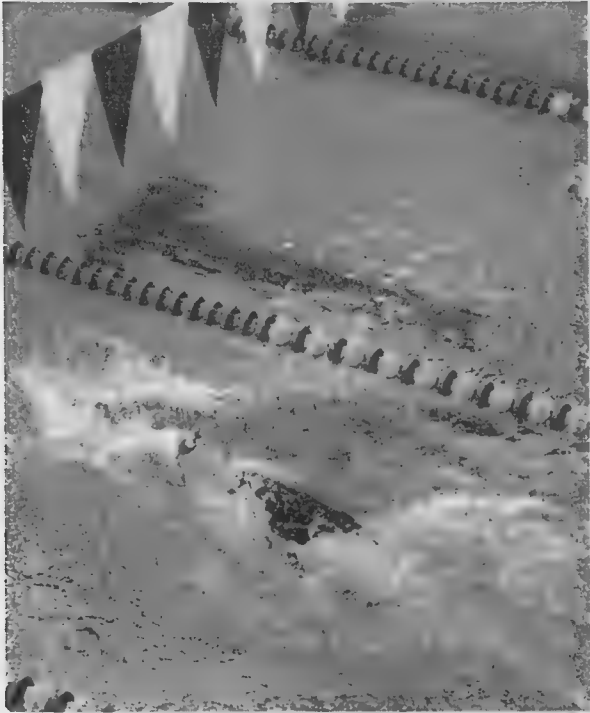
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DISGUSTED BY SOMETHING?

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## Freshman phenom streaks ahead of competition



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Freshman Kate Weaver streaks a full body length ahead of her competitors in the meet against Northeastern.

**Kate Weaver of the swim and dive team continues to raise the bar and break records**

By MIKE MURPHY

Cynic Correspondent

Only 10 weeks into her freshman season, Kate Weaver has emerged as one of the stars of the UVM swimming and diving team.

"Kate is a very talented local swimmer that we expect will become one of the top swimmers in the conference," head coach Jerry Cournoyer said at the beginning of the season. "She will have an immediate impact with us this season."

Cournoyer was not exaggerating.

Hailing from the Burlington area, Weaver is no stranger to athletic success.

In high school, Weaver was a

member of the 2005 State Champion South Burlington High tennis team.

Weaver also excelled in track and field, where as a senior, she qualified for the Vermont state meet in shot put, discus and pole vault.

Her resumé includes the ranking as a top eight finalist in the 200 backstroke and a top 16 finalist in the 200 freestyle, 100 free and 100 back at the Speedo Sectionals.

Weaver holds state records in the girls 17 to 19-year-old division in the 200 and 100 free as well as the 100 back.

In Weaver's first collegiate meet against Stony Brook and the Army, Weaver set school records in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:12.44 and the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:07.42.

In the meet against Niagara, Weaver broke the school record in the 100 back with a time of 58.26.

In the 200 freestyle relay,

Weaver and her team finished in first place with a time of 1:51.88.

The Catamounts swam to a 140-83 victory over Niagara.

In Sunday's meet against Northeastern, Weaver broke her eighth record of the day with a time of 2:10.08 in the 100 IM, the personal best in the freshman category.

Other broken records include the freshmen, pool and varsity record in the 100 backstroke.

Weaver is constantly upbeat on the sidelines and always cheers on her teammates in the water.

She seems to effortlessly fuse together the ability to keep the team morale up, while igniting a fire in both herself and others to compete to everyone's full potential.

Weaver is poised to take on any and all challenges this year, the attitude leading the team's continuing success in the 2007-2008 season.

## Last Week

Tuesday, October 23 –  
Monday, October 29

Wednesday, Oct. 24  
Men's Soccer @ Maine

— Win  
Vermont: 0-2-2  
Maine: 0-0-0

Thursday, Oct. 25  
Women's Soccer vs. Maine

— Win  
Vermont: 0-1-1  
Albany: 0-0-0

Friday, Oct. 26  
Women's Hockey @ Dartmouth

— OT Loss  
Vermont: 1-2-0-0-3  
Maine: 1-1-1-1-4

Saturday, Oct. 27  
Swimming @ Northeastern

— Loss  
Vermont: 135  
Northeastern: 165  
Field Hockey @ Boston University  
— Loss  
Vermont: 0-0-0  
Boston University: 1-1-2

Sunday, Oct. 28  
Women's Soccer @ Hartford

— Loss  
Vermont: 0-0-0  
Hartford: 1-1-2  
Men's Hockey vs. Dartmouth  
— Loss  
Vermont: 1-0-1-2  
Dartmouth: 0-2-2-4

## Conference Standings

**America East Field Hockey**  
Boston University—(5-0) Overall – (15-5)  
Albany—(3-0) Overall – (14-4)  
Vermont—(3-2) Overall – (12-5)  
New Hampshire—(2-3) Overall – (9-11)  
Maine—(1-4) Overall – (5-11)  
Fairfield—(0-5) Overall – (3-17)

**America East Men's Soccer**  
Binghamton—(4-2-0) Overall – (12-4-0)  
Boston University—(3-1-2) Overall – (9-5-2)  
UMBC—(3-2-1) Overall – (8-5-3)  
Stony Brook—(3-3-1) Overall – (9-6-2)  
New Hampshire—(2-1-3) Overall – (5-4-6)  
Vermont—(2-2-2) Overall – (5-9-2)  
Hartford—(1-1-4) Overall – (6-4-5)  
Albany—(1-3-2) Overall – (2-10-3)  
Maine—(1-5-1) Overall – (3-12-1)

**America East Women's Soccer**  
New Hampshire—(6-1-1) Overall – (10-6-2)  
Boston University—(6-1-1) Overall – (9-6-3)  
Hartford—(5-1-2) Overall – (7-6-4)  
Stony Brook—(4-2-2) Overall – (7-4-5)  
Maine—(4-3-1) Overall – (6-7-3)  
Binghamton—(2-5-1) Overall – (3-11-3)  
UMBC—(2-6-0) Overall – (3-13-2)  
Vermont—AE—(6-4-6) Overall – (3-14-1)  
Albany—(1-7-0) Overall – (4-10-3)

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

A column by The Vermont Cynic Sports Staff

### Good Week for the Colts

By NICK DECARO

After beating the Jaguars 29-7 on Monday Night Football, the Colts have a firm hold on first in the AFC South.

This was supposed to be a measuring game for the Colts this season and they passed.

Indy is now on a collision course with the undefeated Patriots.

### Good Week for the NFL

By IBI TARIQ

The Giants and Dolphins squared off in London's Wembley Stadium this past Sunday, in the NFL's first ever regular season game outside of North America.

The game is the first step in NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's dream "to translate America's obsession into the world's passion."

### Bad Week for Tim Wakefield

By ZACH PARKER

Boston's veteran knuckleballer was left off the World Series roster due to a sore shoulder.

Wakefield was also left off the ALDS roster and he lost his only post-season start against the Indians.

With a \$4 million team option for next year, it is unclear if the 41-year-old will return.

### Good Week for Boston fans

By JAKE AHRENS

It sure feels good to be a Boston sports fan.

Not only are the Patriots dominating the NFL, but the Red Sox are headed to the World Series for the second time in four years.

Top that off with Boston College ranked #2 in the BCS, life is good in Beantown.

### Bad Week for Paul Byrd

By JASON BUSHEY

Cleveland Indians pitcher Paul Byrd was added to the "black list" of player's accused of using Human Growth Hormone (HGH), a performance enhancing substance banned by MLB.

Byrd says he bought HGH legally with a prescription before the substance was banned in 2005 and claims to have used it for "medical purposes only."

### Bad Week for Jerry Buss

By NICK JENKINS

The owner of the Los Angeles Lakers has reportedly placed the face of his franchise, Kobe Bryant, on the trading block.

After weeks of struggle between the Lakers organization and Bryant's agent, Jerry Buss has given in to Kobe's demands of being traded.

# View from the Sidelines

A look at the National Football League brought to you by Ibi Tariq

## NFL Predictions – Week Nine

### Game of the week

New England at Indianapolis — QBs Tom Brady and Peyton Manning square off in this heated rivalry that seems to preview the AFC Championship and Super Bowl representative for the conference. Driven by a strong defense and a plethora of wide outs the Pats will be tough to stop. Patriots over Colts 31-24

### The best of the rest

Carolina at Tennessee — Panthers running backs DeShaun Foster and DeAngelo Williams will have to be in top form to an offense facing the #1 rush defense in the league. The Titans however, should ride their fifth ranked rushing offense and QB Vince Young's mobility to an important non-conference win. Titans run over the Panthers, 24-14.

Cincinnati at Buffalo — QB Carson Palmer and the Bengals' offense has the potential to score a lot of points against a banged-up defense that's ranked 31st in both yards allowed and pass yards allowed. Buffalo on the other hand, has scored more than 20 points only once all season. Bengals roar past the Bills, 30-16.

San Diego at Minnesota — Led by OLB Shawn Merriman, the Chargers defense only has to stop Vikings rookie sensation RB Adrian Peterson. The Vikings have no other weapons, while the Chargers offense, including LaDarian Tomlinson, has been getting back to its old explosive self. Chargers over Vikings, 27-13.

Washington at New York Jets — QB Chad Pennington going up against a stingy Redskins defense spells trouble for New York. The 'Skins offense should have its way with the Jets 28th ranked defense. Redskins win on the road, 26-14.

San Francisco at Atlanta — The 'Niners need a win here to keep their dwindling playoff hopes alive. They've got a great chance to do it against a Falcons club in turmoil and seemingly already packing it in for next season. 49ers spank the Falcons, 23-10.

Green Bay at Kansas City — QB Brett Favre will have to be on top of his game to get the Packers run-lacking offense moving against the Chiefs 9th ranked passed defense. If that's not working, the Packers much-improved and stingy defense should be enough to stop an underachieving Chiefs offense. Packers beat the Chiefs, 20-12.

Baltimore at Pittsburgh — The Raven offense will need to get back on track fast if it wants to keep pace with the Steelers offense. With QB Ben Roethlisberger's great play and Pittsburgh's run game, the Ravens will be hard pressed to win in Pittsburgh. Steelers over Ravens, 28-13.

Denver at Detroit — The Lions pass-oriented offense will need to get their running game going with RB's Kevin Jones and ex-Bronco Tatum Bell against a Denver defense that's ranked 2nd against the pass and last against the run. Denver wins in Detroit, 27-21.

Arizona at Tampa Bay — RB's Earnest Graham and new addition Michael Bennett should get the Buccaneers rushing game going to compliment Jeff Garcia's solid play at quarterback. The Cardinals lack the consistency on offense to get past a stingy Tampa defense. Bucs win at home over the Cardinals, 24-16.

Seattle at Cleveland — Browns QB Derek Anderson has the Cleveland offense scoring, while Seahawks MLB Lofa Tatupu has the Seattle defense shutting down opponents' offenses. Look for Seattle to continue that trend and get its offense going against a shoddy Brown's 'D'. Seahawks over Browns, 33-21.

Houston at Oakland — Raiders RB's LaMont Jordan and Justin Fargas vs. the Texans young and talented front seven. Whichever side wins this battle will lead their team to a victory in this conference game. Texans MLB DeMeco Ryans will play a key role in the middle. Houston wins at Oakland, 17-13.

Jacksonville at New Orleans — RB Reggie Bush will need to carry the load again to power the Saints past a tough Jags defense. Don't count on it happening.

Dallas at Philadelphia — The 'Boys have the weapons on offense and defense to beat any team in the NFC. McNabb and the Eagles offense will need an absolutely spectacular day to keep up with Dallas QB Tony Romo, WR Terrell Owens and RB Marion Barber. Dallas over Philly, 31-18.

# FACE OFF

## THE MATCHUP

FARZIN MOJTABAI VS. DAKOTA RUBIN

JUDGING BY NICK DECARO



1.) Red Sox Nation lives on, but it was not a smooth ride. Do you think the Sox need to play possum to spark an improbable comeback, or is it simply coincidence?

FM: Armed with a high-powered offense and lights-out pitching from Josh Beckett, the Red Sox need a wake up call every now and then.

This time, the wake up call came in the ALCS from the Cleveland Indians.

It's just a coincidence that the ALCS in 2007 was as close as the 2004 series and everyone knows how that turned out for Boston.

It has been said that a seven-game series doesn't start until one team is facing elimination and the Red Sox took this to heart, turning it on with their backs against the wall.

DR: The Indians blew it!

You can talk as much as you want about all the things the Red Sox did to win the series, but when you are down three games to one, the other team needs to close and, just like the Yankees three years ago, the Indians could not close.

They had two potential Cy Young winners, C.C. Sabathia and Fausto Carmona, in position to close out the series but neither could do it.

Sorry Sox fans, you are no team of destiny and should be thanking the baseball gods for blessing you with such luck and the Cleveland Indians for pulling the ultimate choke job.

2.) It's pretty clear which NFL teams have flourished in 2007 thus far. On the flip side, who are this season's biggest disappointments at this point in the season?

FM: The NFL's biggest disappointments are the New Orleans Saints and St. Louis Rams.

The Saints came into this season littered with talent and a run to the NFC championship last season, which had them one win away from the Super Bowl.

They now find themselves 2-5, with superstars Reggie Bush and Drew Brees failing to produce.

The Rams went from a Super Bowl favorite to an NFC bottom dweller and are winless half way through the season.

"The greatest show on turf" has been anything but that this year, as quarterback Marc Bulger has thrown two touchdowns and seven interceptions.

DR: My immediate reaction is to say last season's NFC Championship game representatives, the Bears and Saints, are this seasons disappointments.

At 3-5 and 3-4, respectively, they are in no way out of the playoff race.

The Cincinnati Bengals have to be the most disappointing team this season. They are 2-5 and in last place in the AFC North.

No amount of offensive talent can make up for an abysmal defense that is giving up over 30 points per game.

Right along side the Bengals are the St. Louis Rams who started the season as playoff favorites and find themselves as one of only two winless teams in the league.

3.) With all the perennial NCAA favorites falling week after week, who will be left standing to play for the BCS title game in New Orleans?

FM: Ohio State and LSU will be left battling it out for the NCAA title in New Orleans.

The two teams have proved their worthiness as one of them has held the top spot since the season began.

LSU sports a 7-1 record with wins over Auburn and Florida, all while playing in the toughest conference in college football, the SEC.

Likewise, Ohio State has rolled to a 8-0 start behind quarterback Todd Boeckman.

Upstarts like Boston College, who currently cling to the #2 spot in the BCS, will prove to be pretenders, paving the way for the powerhouses to return to the top.

DR: I am going to come straight out and say it: neither team in the national championship game will be undefeated.

Current number one Ohio State will not survive their next three games (Wisconsin, Illinois and at Michigan) unscathed.

Similarly, Boston College doesn't have the mettle to continue undefeated and even if they do I doubt they have the résumé to make the championship game.

Oregon, behind Dennis Dixon, will break the East Coast bias to represent the Pac-10.

The other spot will go to SEC powerhouse, LSU, creating what should be an exciting, high-octane championship game.

THE SCORE  
THE INDIANS NEED TO  
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Juniors Emilie Rowe (19) and Lexie Kaknes (4) congratulate sophomore goalie Eliza Bradley after the senior game on Thursday. The contest against Maine was the final win for the Cats in the 2007 season. (Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

Sunday, October 28  
Loss @ Hartford

Vermont — 0 — 0 — 0  
Hartford — 1 — 1 — 2  
Vermont 3-14-1, (2-6-0)

The 2-0 final at Hartford marks the end of Cats' 2007 campaign.

The loss extends Vermont's playoff drought to three seasons.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Continued from A12

after their final game at Centennial Field. "[Ewald] has a lot of passion for the game and [Cirilli] takes so much pride in the game. We really rallied around our two seniors today."

Though each shared possession of the ball near the opposing net, Maine gained an early offensive advantage.

Aggressive play from junior Lexie Kaknes, combined with a great all-around defensive effort by the Catamounts, disrupted Maine's offensive attack preventing several Black Bear opportunities.

"Our defense was outstanding," Dzikkaniec said. "It's great to have a shutout. It really was a total team effort."



## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

### So money #1

Think of this week as the first installment of The Looper's Most Money Player of the Week — it's like an MVP award, except we are dealing solely with how "money" someone is.

By money I am referring to a combination of several qualities but, most importantly, the "clutchness" of our recipient.

Generally, the award-winner is going to be someone who is money and is so money they don't know it.

Actually — and I know the math might sound a bit cuckoo — a person is exponentially more money if they don't know it. It could be an act, it could be genuine, but either way it's adorable.

If you've followed me this far, you probably have a good idea of the origins of this idea.

If you aren't sure what I'm talking about, fire up your Netflix and put "Swingers" on your queue.

If you don't love it, then you can blame the caddy. That's nothing new on my end.

So, drum roll please ... for The Looper's inaugural Most Money award ... the winners are: Mike Lowell, Dustin Pedroia and Jacoby Ellsbury of the Boston Red Sox.

[Insert: fanfare, pomp and circumstance.]

I know, I know, I've got three winners, not one.

Please, bear with me.

Lowell has been incredibly money all season, not just lately, something my dad has pointed out continuously.

He's been high on Lowell for months and while I concurred, I was not nearly as vocal. I was merely waiting to see what transpired.

Boy was there some fatherly wisdom there.

If not for the gigantic collective shadow of Ortiz and Ramirez in the heart of the roster, or A-Rod's gaudy numbers, Lowell would be the frontrunner in the American League MVP race.

His numbers and overall performance demonstrate just how money he is.

All season long and into the playoffs, Lowell has been the most consistent player in the Red Sox lineup, with the glove and the bat.

Of late, though, it's been the Red Sox' youngsters, Pedroia and Ellsbury, who've stolen the show and epitomized all that is money.

When Pedroia knocked that home run in the seventh inning of game one against the Rockies ... whew!

I almost jumped through the living room ceiling.

If my boy at second base doesn't get Rookie of the Year I think we should organize a nationwide sit-down protest.

All I've got to say is, "Who's coming with me?"

Then, there's Ellsbury.

The 23-year-old speedster was inserted into the lineup against the Indians and has proceeded to scorch the Rockies, collecting four hits, two runs and two RBIs in game three.

As if his on-field performance weren't money enough, it's reaping benefits for all of us.

His stolen base in game two got everyone a free taco from Taco Bell.

Free food?

That's as money as it gets.

## HOCKEY

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season record to 0-3-1 (0-0-1 Hockey East).

"I thought [Dartmouth] got better and more powerful

as the game went on and unfortunately we did not," head coach Kevin Sneddon said.

The Big Green appeared to be overmatched by the Cats in the opening period of their season opener.

After an increase of scoring opportunities and sustained pressure in the offen-

sive zone, UVM took the lead at 17:58.

Crashing the net, sophomore Brayden Irwin tipped home a cross-ice feed from fellow sophomore Colin Vock to make it 1-0.

After being outshot by the Cats 17-8 in the first period, the Big Green responded in the middle stanza.

At 3:19, Dartmouth notched the equalizer when a slap shot from the point, by defenseman Evan Stephens, beat UVM sophomore goalie Mike Spillane.

Dartmouth's senior J.T.

chard who beat Spillane at 9:33 of the third.

Wyman continued to press the Catamount defense when the forward hammered a wrist shot by Spillane at 14:20 to make the score 4-1.

Sophomore Jay Anctil broke Dartmouth's string of four unanswered goals at 18:02 to end the scoring.

Spillane finished with 27 saves in the game.

"I'm not upset with our mindset," Sneddon said. "It's not a matter of thinking more defensively, it's just doing the defensive parts of the game

“Everyone's itching to get that 'W.' We just have to keep working hard and take it one day at a time.”

- Mark Lutz, senior captain

Wyman struck again off a rebound only 25 seconds later.

Dartmouth outshot UVM 14-4 in the second period.

In the final stanza, the Big Green increased their lead.

Wyman circled the net and drew away several Cat defenders before he fed the puck to a wide-open Rob Prit-

better."

The Cats look to record their first win on Nov. 9 when they travel to Northeastern.

"Everyone's itching to get that 'W,'" senior captain Mark Lutz said. "We just have to keep working hard and take it one day at a time."

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## This Week

Tuesday, Oct. 30 –  
Monday, Nov. 5

Wednesday, Oct. 31

### Men's Soccer

vs. Binghamton  
Centennial Field, 2 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

vs. Concordia (preseason)  
Patrick Gym, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2

### Field Hockey

America East Championships  
TBA, TBA

### Women's Hockey

vs. Boston College  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3

### Women's Soccer

America East First Round  
TBA@TBA

### Men's Soccer

vs. Boston University  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

### Swimming

@ New Hampshire  
Durham, N.H., 2 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

vs. Saint Michael's (preseason)  
Patrick Gym, 3:30 p.m.

### Women's Hockey

vs. New Hampshire  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

vs. Bishop's  
Patrick Gym, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 4

### Field Hockey

America East Championships  
TBA, TBA

### Women's Soccer

America East First Round  
TBA, TBA

### Swimming

@ Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, Mass., 12 p.m.

# Cats push past Maine



Freshman Lindsey Mucia (22) moves in front of the ball to defend against Maine in Thursday's win over the Black Bears. Mucia was named to the Burlington Free Press All-State team last year.

(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

## Women's soccer a success in final home contest

By JASON BUSHEY

Cynic Correspondent

Seniors Callie Ewald and Eileen Cirilli of the women's soccer team played the final home game of their careers, recording a 1-0 victory at the 82-minute mark over the Maine Black Bears.

Thursday's victory over Maine (3-3-1 America East, 5-7-3 overall) gave UVM (2-5 America East, 3-13-1 overall) kept the hope of an America East playoff bid alive.

The lone goal of the game came with just under nine minutes left of play off the foot of sophomore Carson Laderoute, who caught a high breakaway pass from freshman forward Jessica Becker.

"[Becker] chipped it over the defense, and I was just able to chip it over the goalie's head in to the net," Laderoute said.

The tally improved Laderoute to 12 points in seven games, tying Becker for the team lead.

Maine's best chance of the game came at the 85-minute mark when senior Laura Harper ripped a shot from the middle of the field, 20 yards out.

UVM's sophomore goalie Eliza Bradley made a diving save to her right, spoiling Maine's ideal chance for good.

The team's two seniors, Ewald and Cirilli, were honored in their final homestand and were thrilled about their team's effort.

"This was awesome," Ewald said.

"It's a great senior day present," Cirilli added. "It's surreal."

Head coach Kerry Dziczaniek talked highly of the two seniors

WOMEN'S SOCCER – A11

## Big Green stops men's hockey

The Catamounts remain winless after falling to Dartmouth, 4-2 at Gutterson Fieldhouse

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer

The UVM men's hockey team was iced by visiting Dartmouth University, 4-2, in Sunday's contest.

Despite the support of a wildly festive 60th consecutive sellout crowd at Gutterson Fieldhouse, the Cats were silenced by the stonewall goaltending of Big Green backstop Mike Devine and the offensive firepower of J.T. Wyman.

Plagued by a surplus of defensive breakdowns, the winless Cats dropped their overall



Junior Pete Lenes (3) and sophomore Colin Vock (10) search for a hole in between Big Green defense in Sunday's loss to Dartmouth. Vock assisted on one of Vermont's two goals.

(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

MEN'S SOCCER – A11

## Cats' Skills

By KAT WILLIAMS

1. What do you like most about playing for and competing with UVM?

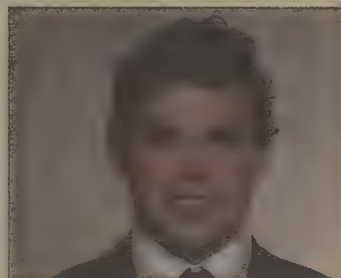
I love being able to play in front of a great crowd at Gutterson Fieldhouse. We have such great support from our students and fans.

2. How do you feel you contribute to the team?

I try to be a reliable leader and a consistent performer on the ice.

3. What is your goal for the rest of the season?

I just want to do everything I can to make our team as successful as possible.



Dean Strong  
Men's Hockey  
junior



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## Men's soccer moves on to playoffs



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

With consecutive victories over Binghamton and Boston University in the past week, UVM secured second place in the America East playoffs. Page A12.

## ResLife draws criticism for concealing asbestos

### ResLife kept students in the dark about asbestos in the basement of Coolidge Hall

By CHRISTINA TODD

Senior Staff Writer

The doors to the UVMtv studio remain locked — yet were found unlocked the day after the discovery of asbestos — while many students question the lack of communication from the university.

"Many students have approached me about their justified concerns as to the lack of communication as it relates to the finding of the asbestos in Coolidge Hall," DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan, vice president of the SGA, said in an e-mail.

Removal of the floor tiles,

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containing asbestos, from the studio will begin on Nov. 19, when students leave for Thanksgiving break, Kevin McGarghan, UVM's Risk Analyst, said in an e-mail.

Vince Brennan, manager of the Physical Plant Training and Compliance Office, said that there is no risk of students breathing in any asbestos with the tiles in their current state.

"Although we should've been called before the carpet was lifted, there was no release of any sorts," he said.

"A student asking about the asbestos in the basement alarmed other students," Brennan said.

"There is no action going on right now and there is nothing to tell until the action starts," he said.

Exposure to asbestos can cause serious health problems, but there is no danger unless fibers are released and inhaled into the lungs, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web site.

A notice will be posted on the doors of Coolidge and given to the resident advisors and ResLife when the removal process starts, Brennan said.

Following the concern over the lack of communication regarding the asbestos, Vincent-Bryan said that he and SGA president Keshia Ram met with President Dan Fogel and Gary Derr, chief of staff and executive assistant to the president and provost.

"Highlighted in this meeting was the importance of prompt notification sent to the SGA particularly on matters of student health and safety," said Vincent-Bryan.

Derr said he is not sure that all students should have been informed of the incident but that "there was a misstep in communicating to the SGA about the situation involving UVMtv."

"I am not sure that we need to keep all students informed of these types of is-

RESLIFE - A3

## SGA debates Glynne graffiti

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK

Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association issued a statement condemning "hateful attacks," following a graffiti display targeting SGA Speaker Michael Glynne on the Living and Learning Complex last week.

The graffiti, which read, "Mike Glynne is a heterosexual shthead," likely referenced Glynne's tiebreaking vote that put a stop to a contentious resolution regarding the American Red Cross last month, SGA Senator John Colin Quinn said.

The resolution would have banned the organization from campus because of a policy that does not allow homosexual males to donate blood.

The statement, which was released as a part of SGA President Keshia Ram's weekly campus-wide e-mail, asks students to "approach issues of conflict with care and respect."

Quinn, who authored the ARC legislation, first brought forth the notion of a formal response from SGA regarding the graffiti. He intro-

duced a resolution regarding the issue to the SGA Senate last week.

A resolution, however, was not the best way to address the incident, Senator Kaitie Conrad said.

She said that acts of hate occur frequently on campus, and that it is unfair to pass legislation regarding just one occurrence.

### "People should know that 15 other people voted with Glynne."

- Scott McCarty,  
Chair, Committee on  
Legislative Action

Senator Jay Taylor, chair of the Student Action Committee, strongly supported Quinn's resolution however. "It sends a clear message about this particular act," he said. "We have the visibility now, so it is time to come up to the plate."

Conrad eventually mo-



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

tioned to table the resolution, granted a statement would be released by some other means. Taylor was the only senator who voted against the motion.

After the resolution was tabled, Senator Scott McCarty, chair of the Committee on Legislative Action, said that the graffiti was "disgusting and unacceptable," and should have been addressed through legislation.

"To see that on the wall of E building [at the Living and Learning Complex] offends me," McCarty said. "This is not the university I came to," he continued. "People should know that 15 other people

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## Lambda's legal woes continue

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY

Assistant News Editor

Residents of the Lambda Iota house on 440 Pearl St. were notified of the motions to seize the property last week, according to the Vermont District Court Web site.

The notification came just after Detective Frisbie of the Burlington Police Department issued an affidavit to seize property because members of Lambda Iota Fraternity were trafficking and distributing large amounts of cocaine.

A judge issued a writ on October 26 stating that the U.S. Marshall needed to post signs regarding the potential seizure. Also, the writ stated that the owners cannot try to sell or mortgage the property, according to the writ issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge Niedermeier.

In addition, the writ stated that if any part of the property becomes vacant for more than two weeks the "government can take whatever steps it considers necessary (including apply to this court for permission to seize Real Property [440 Pearl St]) to safeguard Real Property."

The Lambda Iota house is currently being rented to tenants under a property manager. Those tenants may or may not be affiliated with the University, Dani Comey, the assistant director of Student Life said.

Denise Vignoe was listed by the U.S. Marshall as the property manager of the Lambda Iota house, but was said she was not longer the property manager. She declined to comment any further on any issue.

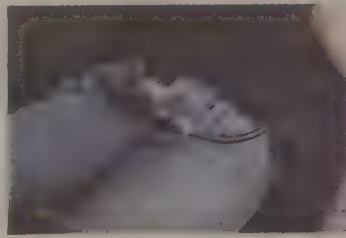
Several Lambda Iota Board of Governors members declined to comment as well.

## inside



Basketball is back!  
Both men and women  
break in Patrick Gym  
with preseason games

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UVM students talk  
about sex, or the  
alternative; the lack  
thereof

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Pine Street art hotspot  
with everything from vinyl  
to used books and fine art

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# Cynic News Interview: Dot Brauer

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK and DANIELLE DIARBAKERLY  
Assistant News Editors

The Cynic had an opportunity to sit down with Dot Brauer, the Director of LGBTQA Services at UVM. We had the chance to talk to Brauer about various issues currently affecting the LGBTQA community. These are some excerpts from the full interview which will be available online in Podcast form.

## On the Red Cross resolution:

—“I would really like to see the Red Cross held to a higher—the same standard as everybody else—not a higher standard.

“We need to stop treating them [The Red Cross] like they’re Mother Theresa because they are just not. And you know, I don’t think Mother Theresa would have gotten the respect she did if she discriminated against people either.”

—“It feels to me that the Red Cross has played a little bit of a game standing behind the FDA, that, if they

do collect 55 percent of the blood supply, they have a lot of weight, and they could have used it a long time ago, and they made a very definite choice not to.

“It’s an issue about political controversy, and I feel like they’ve been really dishonest, and I feel like they’ve really done a lot of hand-waving and smoke-blowing to try to pretend that they have had nothing to do with this, and they’ve had a lot to do with it.”

—“I think on some level we know that discrimination is discrimination and that everybody should be—I don’t care what they’re doing—they should be held accountable to their practices.

“I definitely don’t mean by that that they have the freedom not to follow FDA rules.

“I completely get—I was so frustrated that that conversation kept going around and around because that was not the point.”

—“Of course they have to follow the FDA rules. The point is, they could conduct themselves differently as they’re doing that.

“They could be much less two-faced about where they stand on the issues.

“And they could get much more—within they’re organization they could get much more directive with their personnel and with their messages that they disseminate about

the nature of the discrimination, and the way in which the current policy doesn’t protect the blood supply effectively.”

## On the L/L graffiti:

—“I get why somebody got frustrated and put that up there. I liken it to other instances where it feels like a governmental body has made a decision that doesn’t represent a community’s interests. That happens in the United States and all over the world, right?”

## Was it a Bias Incident?

—“So it’s something that is used to intimidate a community of people. It relies upon

a historical legacy.”

—“At some point, if a group of people started putting out so many messages about calling heterosexual people “heterosexist,” and then like, bombing their houses, and you know, terrorizing them, then at some point you could start calling it a bias incident, because there would then be a legacy of intimidation of a community of people.”

—“So it was definitely insulting, it was definitely an attack of sorts, but it probably didn’t make you feel unsafe on campus as another heterosexual male.”



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

# UVM working to phase out parking on campus

By JULIA DROST  
Staff Writer

The UVM campus has seen many changes in recent years, and the phasing out of parking by the implementation of a pedestrian-focused campus is another modification that will be executed in the coming years, according to the Campus Master Plan Web site.

Director of Parking and Transportation Katherine “Deac” Decarreau said, “the plan is designed to create more green space, more walkable space and more space where people can talk without the background noise of cars.”

“There’s no real specific plan that says by such and such a date there will be no parking on-campus,” Decarreau said.

“It’s less about removing parking and more about placing it in areas that are less obtrusive to central parts of campus, so the experience of being on-campus is one of green grass, trees, buildings and not one of traffic and parking,” she said.

The Campus Master Plan Web site states that this goal will be accomplished by multi-modal pathway networks to reinforce the north-south circulation of the campus, as well as design enhancements and services for pedestrian and bicycle travel.

Additionally, the Web site states that there will be further improvements to the campus shuttle system and a relocation of the majority of parking to peripheral lots on the perimeter of campus.

Decarreau added that “it’s really more about moving parking towards the outer ends of campus and not getting rid of it.

“There isn’t a sense that there won’t be any parking but a sense that over time, mean-

ing 10 to 15 years or longer, [we will] move more and more parking to the outside of campus,” she said.

There is also the potential for an “occasional driving program” where people can buy parking by the day, and potentially by next fall there will be a car-sharing program in cooperation with the city in which people can rent cars by the hour, similar to the national Flexcar system, Decarreau said.

Decarreau said that as UVM continues to expand, the parking that is displaced by construction will not be

“Ultimately, we are not trying to make life more difficult.”

— Katherine “Deac” Decarreau, Director of Parking and Transportation

replaced and she cites the example of the construction of a storm water pond that removed several parking spaces on Redstone campus.

The University is being careful with residential parking while at the same time creating incentives for students not to bring cars through things such as free unlimited access to the regional transit system, the CCTA, Deac said.

The university recognizes that “you can’t just eliminate parking and push it out to the city. It’s [the Campus Master Plan] really looking at making people not need their cars and managing the parking otherwise,” Decarreau said.

Decarreau said that the new ways of planning and implementing parking on cam-

pus should not have much of an impact of students, however faculty and staff will most likely experience a change because the lots that are typically being lost are designated for faculty and staff.

Not only is parking an issue on campus but transportation all over Burlington has seen enormous changes; therefore parking and transportation must be talked about as a system, Decarreau said.

“You can’t just talk about parking because it generates traffic. We have intersections that fail, meaning it takes more than two changes of lights for people to get through ... and from a climate change perspective, [that means] you’re idling,” said Decarreau.

“If we can look at parking so we intercept people before they get to those interchanges that fail them, we are actually keeping traffic moving. And when we keep traffic moving, we are preventing a lot of greenhouse emissions,” said Decarreau.

The goals that UVM has for its parking and transportation are admirable from an environmental and aesthetic perspective, but two major plans appear to be in conflict with each other: increasing the size of the student and faculty body and also decreasing the space that they can transport themselves, Decarreau said.

It appears that UVM’s efforts to change the way of thinking is working, with the percentage of students buying parking permits dropping from 36 percent to 23 percent in recent years, Decarreau said.

“I think we’re going to drive down demand. The [mindset of having] many more people and many more cars to park may not be the

right set of assumptions. There is a lot more we can do to lower the number of cars even though the population is rising.”

One other way to do so is by encouraging students and faculty to bike or walk to campus, according to the Davis Center Web site.

“We actually have ample parking on-campus for cars, but [spaces for] bikes are real-

ly hurting. And that’s a really good shift in the problem. We are finding people are getting out of their cars; students in particular,” Decarreau said.

“Ultimately, we are not trying to make life more difficult, we are trying to find a balance between what people have to do and the environment we want people to experience when they’re on campus.”

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# 'Superbug' touches down at Williston school

By TOM MORSE

Cynic Correspondent

A student was sent home from a Williston school last week because she was infected with Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA).

MRSA is a type of bacteria that is not treatable with most antibiotics, according to a letter the school nurse Kathy Shea sent to parents on Monday.

The student was allowed back in school last week after both the Allen Brook School and the Williston Central School were cleaned with disinfectant, the district principal Walter Nardelli said.

"We're making sure everyone's cleaning what's called 'hard surfaces' that are used in common," Nardelli said.

The school took a systematic approach to insure that all surfaces were cleaned that

needed to be, and teachers disinfected their classrooms, desks, door handles and keyboards while the janitors sanitized the bathrooms and other common areas, Nardelli said.

The bacteria has been proven deadly if left untreated, so Shea sent the infected student with her parents to see a doctor, Nardelli said.

"We already knew this was out there and we had already put out some information before this ever happened ... when the student came to the nurse with a cut she recognized right off what the symptoms were.

"I think what you're finding in the news when the results are more serious is that people have ignored the symptoms" Nardelli said.

The antibiotic Vancomycin has been used to treat MRSA, Shea's letter said, but it is immune to other antibiotics. For this reason, an effort to treat it like other staph infections with

penicillin has led some to label this bacteria a "superbug."

"Some people can carry MRSA for days to many months, even after their infection has been treated," Shea's letter said.

In spite of this, Nardelli maintains that there is little chance of her infecting other students.

"The doctor has ruled that there is no risk. The cut is healing and once it's closed the likelihood of anything happening is almost zero," Nardelli said.

In fact, to keep this student from interacting with others in the Williston school would not make sense because 30 percent of people carry staph bacteria, and one percent of people carry the MRSA bacteria state epidemiologist Cort Lohff said.

"People can carry the bacteria in the nose or on the skin without having any illness" Shea's letter points out.

Because of this, some people can pass the bacteria on to other people without having the illness themselves, Lohff said.

"Having said that, the risk of transmitting the organism is extremely low," Lohff said.

Still the school district is taking every precaution to see that the bacteria does not spread.

"Handwash, handwash, handwash," Shea's letter instructs, she also advises against sharing personal items as the bacteria lives in the nose and skin.

"Don't share towels, razors, deodorant or other personal items that come in contact with people's skin," Lohff said.

Most cases of MRSA infection occur in hospitals and nursing homes Nardelli said.

But Shea's letter also warns that outside of these settings, participating in contact sports, sharing personal items, inject-

ing drugs and living in crowded settings can increase the risk of infection.

Close settings like dorm rooms should not present too great a risk, however, if the proper precautions are taken, Lohff said.

"The preventative methods that we're trying to get out to the general public are equally valid for people that live in dormitories," he said.

In addition to maintaining good hygiene, Lohff says that cleaning and disinfecting desks, computers, bathrooms and showers can significantly decrease the risk of spreading MRSA.

Lohff also said that the fact that there was an infection in Williston should not alarm the surrounding communities, as a full one percent of people are carriers of the bacteria anyway.

"My message to the public is one of reassurance," he said.

## Davis Center moves towards composting with greenware

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO

Staff Writer

Recycling plastic bottles and paper after dining in the Davis Center are no longer the only ways to be a conscious consumer.

Starting this Monday at the Davis Center Marketplace, there will be designated compost bins set up near the trash and recycling area, according to Erica Spiegel of the UVM Recycling Program.

Composting, as indicated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, diverts organic materials from landfills

and can be used as fertilizer to restore poor soil.

The only items accepted as compost in that Davis Center will be post-consumer products, such as food scraps, paper napkins and paper take-out boxes. Although these are not the only compostable items available for use.

"Greenware," the generic term referring to a biodegradable, renewable plastic made from polylactic acid (PLA) which derives from corn, is used in the Davis Center but will not be accepted in the compost bins.

"The reason for this," said Spiegel, "is because the dining staff runs out of the renewable products and must stock the tables with conventional, non-renewable plastic."

Spiegel said that it is difficult for the average user to distinguish between the two types of plastics, so no plastic utensils should be thrown into the compost bin.

In addition, not all kiosks in the Davis Center use the same types of utensils. The greenware plastic is not functional for hot foods, like soup, because it melts easily.

Although the greenware may not be making the cut into the compost pile, there are still benefits of using the plastic.

"Instead of using petroleum oil to produce the plastic, the manufacturing of greenware uses renewable resources, which are better for the environment," Spiegel said.

A number of other products, such as paper coffee cups, are compostable items, but the plastic coffee lids are not, so the Recycling Program decided to consider all cups as trash, says Spiegel.

"It's going to be a challenge

to get people to take their burrito out of the foil or dump their leftover chips out of the bag.

"We will have to monitor what kinds of items are going into the compost bins," she said.

Two weeks ago, the Recycling Program sorted 680.4 pounds of trash and of the contents, found that 52 percent food waste, Spiegel said.

"If we are able to divert most of this food waste to compost we can dramatically reduce waste in the building," she said.

## SGA

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voted with Glynne."

McCarty said that a resolution would have "gotten the point across more headily" than the statement issued Thursday, which he said did not say enough.

SGA is expected to vote this week on a follow-up resolution to the ARC resolution that was

voted down by Glynne's tie-breaking vote last month.

Instead of demanding that the ARC be banned from campus, it simply urges the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to change its overarching policy, which ARC is required to adhere to.

## RESLIFE

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sues," he said. "We opt to inform rather than not, but not overly inform to avoid the risk of people ignoring critical messages."

The majority of messages to students come from his e-mail and many students already complain of him cluttering their mailboxes, Derr said.

"It is difficult for me to expect that all students be notified, as there may have been concerns about alarming students or creating a situation that breeds misinformation," Vincent-Bryan said.

Some students may feel differently.

"If there is something that could cause harm, like asbes-

tos, I would want to be aware of it," Mike Capuccio, a freshman resident of Millis, said.

"The issue and the goal of creating stronger pipelines of communication to the students are being discussed and developed," Vincent-Bryan said, regarding the meeting with Fogel and Derr.

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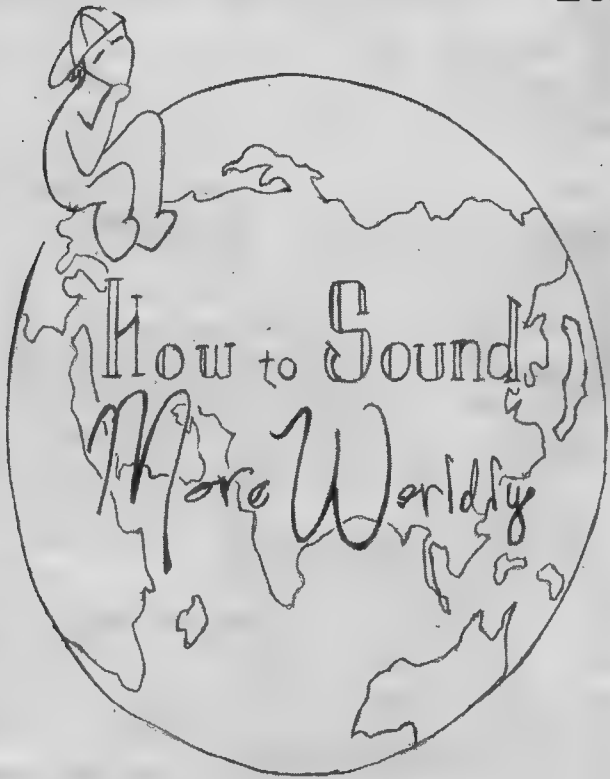
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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### Astronauts repair ripped solar panel

U.S. astronauts successfully repaired a rip in one of the space station's solar panels last Saturday. The operation, which involved needle-nosed pliers, wire cutters and a spatula, took about seven hours.

### TV writers to strike over ad revenue

Starting Monday, TV and film writers of the Writers Guild of America will go on strike. The writers, many of whom work for major networks, are pushing for a share of ad revenues generated by Internet broadcasts of popular shows.

### Mukasey wins key support from Dems

Last week Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee said he could not support President Bush's nomination for attorney general, Michael Mukasey. It is likely Mukasey will be confirmed however, after winning support from two key Senate democrats.

### Soldiers back home after 15 month tour

Soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division's Second Brigade returned to U.S. soil last week after serving for 15 months in Iraq. Their stay in was extended mid-tour from one year. It was many of the soldiers' second time in Iraq.

### Senate passes child health measure

The U.S. Senate passed the State Children's Health Insurance Program last week, which would expand health insurance coverage for American children. Bush vetoed a similar bill last month, and said he will veto again, should the bill reach his desk.

### Bush vetoes bill aimed to fix levees

President Bush vetoed a bipartisan, \$23 billion water bill last week. Congress is expected to override the bill, which included measures for fixing levees in California and protecting the Gulf Coasts from hurricanes.

### Musharraf declares State of Emergency

Musharraf, the President of Pakistan declared a state of emergency in Pakistan Saturday because a decision was to made before a decision regarding his future as president. He cut phone lines to the capital, created roadblocks and suspended the constitution.

### Blackwater offers spies for hire

Blackwater Worldwide created an operation called Total Intelligence Solutions that will obtain government intelligence. The members include former CIA employees who will serve as risk analyzers for businesses and governments.

### Astronaut wins preliminary case

Former astronaut, Lisa Nowak, who drove across the country earlier this year with plans of kidnapping the girlfriend of a fellow astronaut won a preliminary case saying police coerced her into giving up information and downplayed Miranda rights.

### Report says FBI knew of O.J. raid

A report released by the FBI last week stated that the agency knew about O.J. Simpson's Las Vegas hotel raid before it occurred. According to the report, Simpson wanted his armed confrontation with a memorabilia collector to be televised.

### Goulet dies waiting for lung transplant

Grammy winning singer and actor Robert Goulet died at age 73 on Wednesday while awaiting a lung transplant for pulmonary fibrosis. Goulet was most famed for his 1960 role in Broadway's "Camelot."

### Runner dies in Olympic qualifier

Ryan Shay, 28, died on Saturday at the Olympic Trials in New York City. The runner collapsed in Central Park around the five-mile mark and was transported to Lenox Hill Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

### Turks ask Rice for US assistance

On Friday, Turkish protesters sought U.S. help to stop guerilla Kurds in Northern Iraq during a visit by US Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice. Kurdish rebels killed 12 Turkish soldiers.

### Nuclear Plant put on lock down

The largest nuclear power plant in the U.S. was put on lock down Friday after guards found a pipe bomb in a workers truck. Roger Hurd, 61, was arrested but said he was unaware that the live bomb was in his vehicle. Officials said the bomb was not strong enough to damage the plant.

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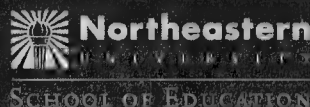
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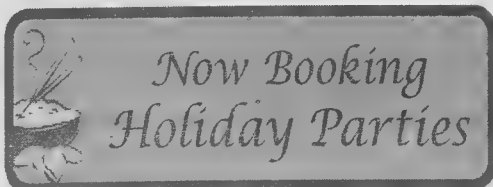
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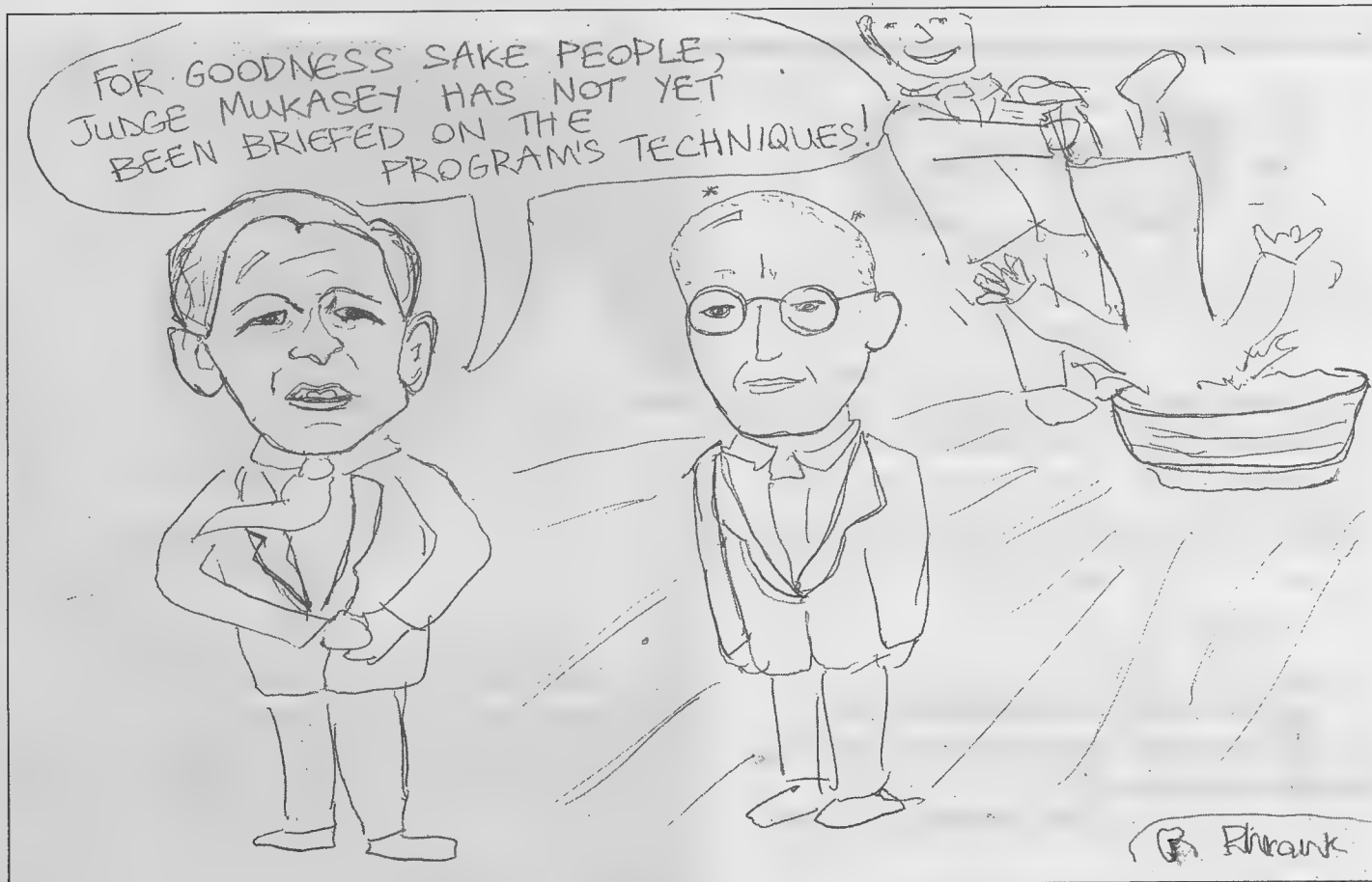


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## Disturbing quote of the week:

## "Link Iraq to Iran."

- Former defense  
secretary Donald  
Rumsfeld in a  
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# Civility, please

Just as the rich red lettering of the signs being held in silent support at the recent SGA meeting helped solidify the LGBTQA's presence as a strident and respected voice in the University community, the angry red lettering, "Mike Glynn is a hetero-sexist shithead," scrawled on the walls of the Living and Learning Center has unfortunately pushed them back into a more frustratingly provocative status.

Actions like this may or may not have come from someone directly associated with the cause, but regardless it reflects poorly upon the LGBTQA community and the University community as a whole.

How should we react?

The tactic of hateful slurs scribbled on walls fits more aptly with ill-educated neo-Nazis and if that agenda had been the one written, there would be much more of an outrage and a definite call for someone's head.

Prejudice is prejudice in any form.

A form of opposition to the SGA decision has reared its ugly head.

What happened to the friendly gatherings on the library steps and the free t-shirts for allies? Civility has apparently left the building.

Please, UVM, don't take the low road.

It is hard for many of us in the University community to fathom some of the struggles that members of LGBTQA community have endured in their quest for acceptance.

And it is an unfortunate truth that we don't live in a world that is wholeheartedly accepting of LGBTQA community and its desire for an equal and safe quality of life.

Enlighten us, but don't lash out.

Among the goals listed on the LGBTQA services Web site one particularly stands out, "Our aim is to transform the UVM experience for LGBTQA students, faculty, and staff to one that is safe, positive, and fully engaging."

Where does livid and menacing graffiti fit into that agenda?

It is largely understood that the crackdown on bias incidents on campus was enacted in an attempt to make the University an open and supportive haven for learning for individuals of all walks of life.

That includes those that may think differently than you.

Hateful graffiti doesn't further the conversation. It creates sides; sides that will continue to squabble and lash out at each other.

Civility must be restored. An open, respectful and rational debate is the only safe solution to reaching a destination at which ALL students, faculty and staff can have an experience that is safe, positive and engaging.

A passion for a cause is one thing that should always be respected, especially in a university community, but when that cause threatens the wellbeing of any individual, minority or not, someone must take responsibility.

We should all take heed to the proverb: "Lower your voice and strengthen your argument."

# An inadequate response

Last week, asbestos was found in the basement of Coolidge Hall. This area of Coolidge Hall is reserved for UVMtv, and whatever else ResLife deems worthy. Without telling students or resident advisors in Coolidge, ResLife removed UVMtv from their space and brought in a HazMat team to deal with the asbestos.

We see multiple errors in what ResLife decided to do and we fault the ResLife staff for neglecting the safety of the residents and resident advisors of Coolidge Hall.

The first error was ResLife keeping students in the dark over the contamination of their home with carcinogenic substances.

This, especially in the day and age we live in, is completely irresponsible and quite shocking. If this was to occur in a landlord/tenant environment, legal

action might be taken against the landlord.

In another error, ResLife Director Stacey Miller has told *The Cynic* that since the asbestos was contained, it posed no health threat to the residents of Coolidge Hall.

However, *Cynic* reporter Christina Todd, when researching the asbestos story, was able to gain access to the contaminated area through multiple unlocked doors.

The one thing ResLife seems to be unable to comprehend is, if a student has any desire to get into an area, they will get into an area. Whether it is a residential hall at 3 a.m. or a "contaminated" area at 1 p.m.

There is no way that ResLife can conclusively and definitely seal the area from any student exposure. If there was a way, we certainly hope it would have

already been put into effect.

ResLife, the only responsible action to take in matters of student safety is complete transparency.

Your jobs are funded payments made by students and/or their parents. These people are paying your salary under the assumption that you will be keeping students safe in their residential halls.

While students might not always need to know about every procedural matter that occurs in their dorm, if there is an issue with something like asbestos, students need to be kept fully aware. It's the only responsible action by ResLife as a pseudo-landlord.

ResLife, if you cannot maintain the transparency necessary to keep us safe and informed, we aren't so sure you should continue to be paid with our money



Julia Gabriel Michel

## Ambushing Glynne

I'd like to express my utmost disgust with the person or persons involved in the defamation of Speaker Mike Glynne on the wall of E-building in the L/L complex.



Hundreds of bias-related incidents occur every school year at UVM, so some students might ask why I'm focusing on this one particular incident.

The answer is twofold: the lack of criticism the act has sustained by the UVM gay community and the lack of support shown for Speaker Glynne.

I still realize that most bias-related incidents at UVM go unnoticed and undefended; something I consider to be a serious fault in the culture of UVM.

The person or persons who vandalized the L/L wall may or may not have been members of the LGBTQA community, but in light of the recent American Red Cross resolution debated two weeks ago in the Senate, the act certainly supported their views against Glynne after he cast the tie-breaking vote to shoot down the resolution.

Obviously, the person or persons responsible for the vandalism do not represent the entire gay community. Nor does the gay community sanction such actions taken by individuals.

However, the LGBTQA has not yet condemned the act as inappropriate and disrespectful — so why has the LGBTQA community been so silent?

In order to maintain its support for the debate, the LGBTQA community of UVM should express its disapproval

of this threatening, below-the-belt tactic against Speaker Glynne.

It's also interesting to note that this act does not classify as a hate crime because it does not represent an act attacking an identity like race, gender, age or sexual orientation.

Instead, it attacks an ideology.

However, hate crimes are designed to attack individuals, and not necessarily specific actions.

In fact, it's my opinion that Speaker Glynne has been unfairly pegged for more than just his recent tie-breaking Senate vote; he's charged with being a "heterosexist."

This crime attacked Speaker Glynne's "heterosexism," and not his action — not classifying this crime as a hate-crime doesn't mean it's any less hurtful or detrimental to the entire debate.

This term — the modern equivalent to being called a white supremacist — was thoughtfully chosen to evoke deep feelings among both gay and straight students because even straight students bristle at the thought of being publicly seen as a homophobe here at Goovy Uvy.

Though it does not defame Glynne's identity — straight, gay, black or white — it attacks a way of thinking; one that Glynne may or may not support.

It's also interesting to point out how quickly a person or group of people goes from the victims in a situation — victims of being made to feel unwelcome, threatened, discriminated against — to becoming the perpetrators.

The responsible party was clearly disappointed with Speaker Glynne's tie-breaking vote, but chose to publicly

defame the person and not the action.

Let's face it: it's human nature to hate losing a fight. In fact, it's also human tendency that after one loses, to attack the system that allowed him or her to lose. Case and point—Speaker Glynne constitutionally and bravely cast the deciding vote in a three-hour long debate.

If you're going to call Speaker Glynne a heterosexist shithhead, plaster demeaning slogans on walls, you should defame all other 15 Senators who voted "Nay" to the American Red Cross Bill.

Or better yet, grow up and realize that a few words in red spray paint have hurt your cause, lowered your integrity and made you look like the shithhead.

Jeremy Spiro-Winn

## What happened?

I'm going to put this bluntly: What has happened to our country?



What does it matter whether water-boarding, head-slapping, or sleep deprivation are, in a technical sense, torture? Can we no longer recognize these things as somehow inherently wrong?

Or have we, as a nation, become so over-saturated in

legalities, twists of logic and overzealous politicking that we can no longer make sound, practical judgments without the company of a lawyer?

Torture is not an evil not because our laws tell us so, but because there is something self-evidently wrong in it. You cannot justify it.

Yet many continually to seek out such justifications.

The "torture can save lives" mentality, adopted by many leading candidates, as well as the Bush administra-

tion fails to comprehend the utter nonsense inherent in the notion that we can somehow illicit truth through pain.

What on earth gives rise to this idea?

Unless the torturer has a method by which they can instantly and gauge the validity of the remarks of the tortured (a ticking bomb, for example) I see no possible incentive for that person not to simply lie to their captors.

But this type of scenario is being worked into serious con-

sideration of the matter.

The most startling question, posed by Brit Hume, during the second republican debate of this year started with the following hypothetical:

"Three shopping centers near major U.S. cities have been hit by suicide bombers. Hundreds are dead, thousands injured. A fourth attack has been averted when the attackers where captured off the Florida coast and taken to Guantanamo bay, where they are being questioned." U.S.

intelligence believes that another, larger attack has been planned and could come at any time."

Though the name "Jack Bauer" wasn't explicitly mentioned, it may as well have been.

Something is deeply wrong when our leaders have to rely upon these types of bizarre and outlandish hypotheticals to justify their actions and ideas.

What has happened?

## Letters to the Editor

### Attacking Glynne

Being a leader is about making tough decisions. Decisions that are often unpopular and/or reflect the better good of the community always get the most attention — especially from this newspaper.

However, events over the past week have forced me to finally speak my mind.

Several weeks ago, I was one of 30 SGA senators to vote in the American Red Cross Resolution that would have effectively asked the Fogel Administration to ban the ARC from campus.

Due to the fact that the legislation became incoherent and was poorly written — I voted against it.

Fourteen other Senators did as well, bringing the Senate to a tie-vote in which Speaker Mike Glynne, exercising his constitutional responsibilities, broke that tie by voting against the legislation because of its structure and lack of clarity.

When someone took it upon themselves to attack Mike Glynne by spray-painting "Mike Glynne is a heterosexist shithhead" on the wall near Living/Learning's E-Building — it was a real sad day for UVM.

Not only did this person attack another member of our community in a very personal and hate filled way — but they also completely hurt the efforts that people are trying to make in changing an FDA policy that is discriminatory and unfair to gay men in our community.

There is such a thing as "I am my brothers keeper, I am my sisters keeper." We need to look out for one another and this was clearly an act of hate and an act of bias against a

member of our community.

Don't let biased acts of hate like this, go unchecked. Call people out when they are being disrespectful.

Think about your actions.

Care about your fellow students and act to change the culture here at UVM.

While this act of hate was clearly directed at Mike Glynne, the person (who didn't have the guts to sign his name) failed to even mention that there were 15 other senators that voted against this piece of legislation.

The Student Government Association has provided students with the tools they need to share their thoughts about the issues and voice their concerns. We want to hear from you.

We are not indifferent.

I do not speak for my fellow senators or for the speaker but I do speak for myself.

I speak because the demand for someone to say "this is wrong" has been too long unspoken.

I do not respond well to hate on either myself or god, forbid, someone else.

I do not respond well to acts of bias against people in my community.

This was nothing but an act of hate. We can do better than this.

We, as a community, are better than this.

Respectfully,  
Scott McCarty class of 2008

### A modest resolution

The SGA finally addressed the dire issue of the American Red Cross's blatant disregard of UVM diversity policy, deciding to side instead with the policy of the United States government.

The pint of blood from one individual's donation given during one of these bigoted rallies may be enough to save lives of possibly three people, but can this blood save themselves from their own intolerance?

We must take these noble efforts we have organized today and continue our crusade against such intolerance.

The next evil organization we must address, however, is so insidious its members are already on your campus, in your classes, and possibly even in your dormitories.

I refer of course to that state sponsored clan known simply as the Boy Scouts. We must remove this group and all of its representatives from our ranks or else we are doomed to be converted into their intolerant mindset.

The Boy Scouts go past the horror of abiding by the bigotry of the United States government; they force the issue to a level beyond the comprehension of any modern decent individual.

As a private institution, they do not allow gay men to be a part of their organization, calling upon their fundamentalist Christian basis for legitimacy.

Recruits in this fascist club go down to the youngest ages of childhood, raising these innocent boys into hate mongering men through secluded campfires, hierarchical merit badges and matching blue uniforms with yellow kerchiefs.

The ignorance bred by this private institution's choice to not allow a certain group into their private club forces the University of Vermont to make not only the only logical choice but also a choice vital to its survival: no longer allow any members of the Boy Scouts into any level of the University of Vermont, including students and faculty, and immediately expelling any admitted member of the Boy Scouts from campus.

Intolerance will only breed more intolerance, and as a vocal member of this proudly diverse institution I will not tolerate any more intolerance!

We must remove these depraved individuals before their fundamentalist mentality infects the good honest community members we have at this school, who recognize that the principle of diversity outweighs all other beliefs or inclinations, whether that is donating blood or learning to tie knots.

In the recent ARC Senate debate, freshman Senator Kofi Mensah said that "The passiveness I have seen in this body today has really struck me. I don't think this senate did what it needed to do to make a change."

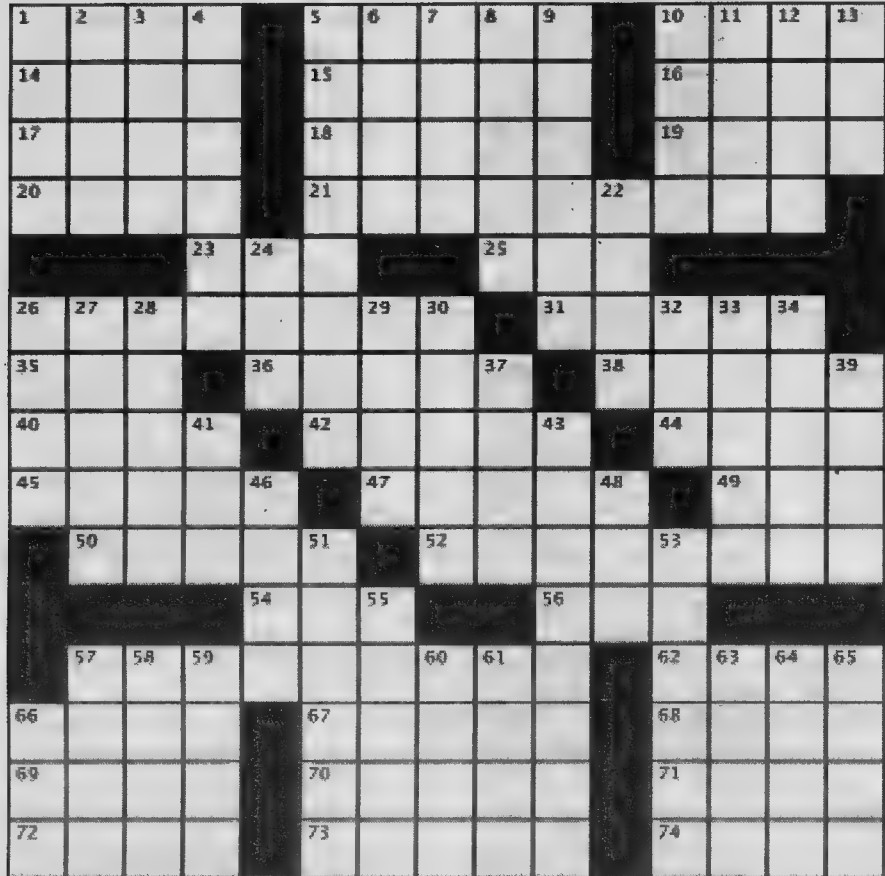
I could not agree more Kofi, and I hope to see you by my side as I bring my ban of accepting Boy Scouts into UVM to the attention of not only the senate, but also the global community.

For if we do not remove these savages from our community now, who else will we let join in? The Klu Klux Klan? Hamas? Conservatives?

Respectfully,  
Billy Clark class of 2010



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## PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1- Snakes
- 5- Top story
- 10- Word that can succeed dance, foot and door
- 14- Voucher
- 15- Sports area
- 16- Baby's cry
- 17- \_\_\_-do-well
- 18- Peruses
- 19- Leave out
- 20- Root of the taro
- 21- Pistol
- 23- Monetary unit of Bulgaria
- 25- Tropical cuckoo bird
- 26- Loose-fitting hooded gown
- 31- Corpulent
- 35- Belonging to us
- 36- Beer choice
- 38- Stable compartment
- 40- Toward the mouth
- 42- Is aware of
- 44- Capital city of Western Samoa
- 45- Saunter
- 47- Sorrow
- 49- Like 1 and 3, e.g.
- 50- Renaissance fiddle
- 52- Asks
- 54- Faucet
- 56- Metro area
- 57- Waver
- 62- Yellow cheese coated with red wax
- 66- Beak
- 67- Ecclesiastical rule
- 68- Prince of India

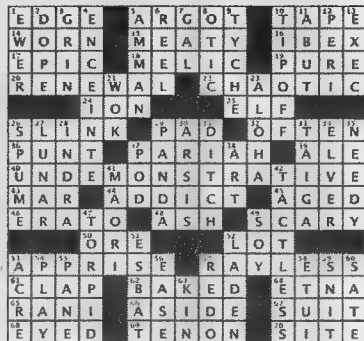
- 69- Name of Isaac's eldest son in the Bible
- 70- Indian of Mexico
- 71- Oil-rich Islamic theocracy neighboring Iraq
- 72- Shipping deduction
- 73- Elevate
- 74- Ethereal

### DOWN

- 1- Skin eruption
- 2- Storage shelter
- 3- Splotchy
- 4- Ramble
- 5- Large burrowing African mammal
- 6- It transforms carbon dioxide into oxygen
- 7- Rip
- 8- Chief of the Vedic gods
- 9- Gambling house
- 10- Problem with L.A.
- 11- Domesticated
- 12- Chieftain, usually in Africa
- 13- Touch lightly
- 22- Penpoints
- 24- Antiquity, old-style
- 26- Adverse fate
- 27- Member of a jury
- 28- Rub out or remove from memory
- 29- Sudden explosive noise
- 30- Preceding, poetically
- 32- 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 33- Flavor
- 34- Ignore
- 37- One of a matching pair
- 39- Scottish boys

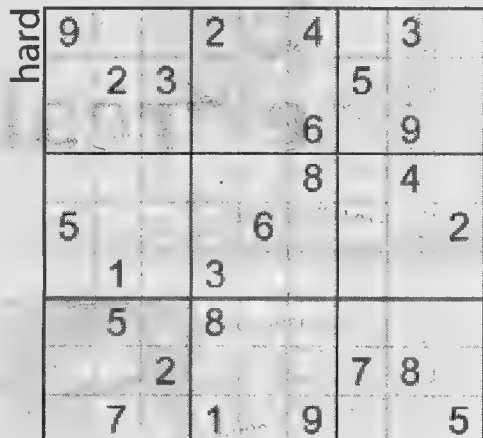
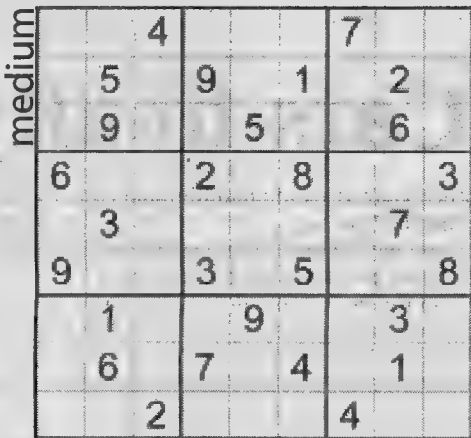
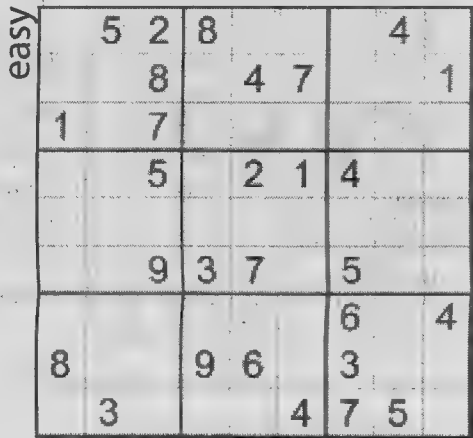
- 41- Society girl
- 43- Succession
- 46- Abominable snowman
- 48- Fine hair
- 51- Spur
- 53- Spain and Portugal
- 55- Public square
- 57- Passport endorsement
- 58- Having wings
- 59- Hint
- 60- Against
- 61- Digits of the foot
- 63- Challenge to complete a task
- 64- Party open
- 65- Numerous
- 66- Wager

### SOLUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK



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(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Junior Lee Stephane Kouadio's (21) resurgence has helped ignite the Catamounts' stagnant offense. Kouadio has recorded seven points on three goals and one assist this season.

## The "real" Cats finally step up

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

It may have taken all season, but the men's soccer team has finally hit their stride and it could not have come at a better time.

After losing eight of their first 11 games, the highly touted group looked as if they had lost their way.

With most of the key pieces (except for dominating defender and team captain Corey Bronner '06) returning for



another year, the Cats had high hopes for the 2007 season.

Even with their top five scorers back, they could not get on the board early in the year, scoring only six goals in their first 11 contests.

The beginning of the conference season looked like it would follow the same trend as the Cats lost a heartbreaker to Albany (1-0) at home and then dropped another overtime game at Stony Brook (1-0).

But, as of late, things have changed. The team has gone 3-0-2 in their last five games and the last two wins, over conference champion Binghamton and number two Boston University, has signaled the Cats resurgence.

Not only has the team dominated de-

fensively throughout the their five game shutout streak, but they have begun to hit their offensive stride.

Last season's scoring leader junior Jordan Crasilneck finally netted his first goal of the season against BU and forwards sophomore T.J. Gore and junior Lee Stephane Kouadio have returned to their old ways of terrorizing defenses.

The late season burst leaves the Cats poised to make a second straight trip to the conference championship game, where they would have another shot at Binghamton — who took the title last season on a very questionable penalty.

But, with over a week and a half off, the team has to avoid having a Colorado Rockies-like collapse after such an impressive streak.

## An exhibition matchup ends in a win over Bishop's for women's basketball

By IBI TARIQ

Senior Staff Writer

Vermont's women's basketball team walked out of Patrick Gym victorious in their first action of the season, a 62-51 preseason victory over Bishop's University.

Bishop's University, hailing from Sherbrook, Quebec, drops to 2-6 on their season.

"There was a mix bag of positive and negative moments tonight," head coach Sharon Dawley said. "The good news is that we have time to work these things out and get ready for UMass on Friday."

Bishop's opened up the game capitalizing on preseason mistakes made by Vermont.

The Catamount offense stalled, recording multiple early fouls.

Bishop's took the lead, holding a two-point margin over the Catamounts.

The Cats kept Bishop's from taking over, breaking into a big run.

Sparked out of their jammed offense, the Vermont offense clicked to incite a 17-point run, shooting to a 29-14 lead.

Junior Sy Janousek and sophomore Coutnay Pilypaitis led the offensive charge.

The Cats' defense came alive too, working the glass and led by a hustle on the boards from sophomore Sofia Iwobi, guard, and Alissa Sheftic, forward.

Vermont held the Gaiters to just five points, heading into the half with a 33-19 lead.

UVM came out of the intermission with momentum carried over from the first half.

Bishop's cut down the Cats' lead to eight with long distance shooting from guards Jessy Roy and Katy Germain, showcasing the team's experience in their eighth game of the season.

Vermont answered through Janousek and junior Amy Rosenkrantz's determination, increasing the lead back up 18.

A late Bishop's charge was not enough, and Vermont held on for the win.

The Cats come will be back in action at Patrick Gym on Nov. 17 in the TD Banknorth Classic.

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

Last Week — Tuesday, Oct. 30 — Monday, Nov. 5

Men's Soccer  
Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Win vs. Binghamton  
Vermont: 2-0 - 2  
Binghamton: 0-0 - 0  
Saturday, Nov. 3  
Win vs. Boston University  
Vermont: 0-0-1 - 1  
Boston U.: 0-0-0 - 0

Field Hockey  
Saturday, Nov. 3  
Loss @ Albany  
Vermont: 0-1-0 - 1  
Albany: 1-0-1 - 2

Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Win vs. Concordia (preseason)  
Vermont: 42-50 — 92  
Concordia: 25-41 — 66  
Saturday, Nov. 3  
Win vs. Saint Michael's (preseason)  
Vermont: 57-41 — 98  
Saint Michael's: 33-34 — 67

Women's Hockey  
Friday, Nov. 2  
Loss vs. Boston College  
UVM: 0-1-0 - 1  
BC: 0-1-2 - 3  
Saturday, Nov. 3  
Loss vs. UNH  
UVM: 0-0-0 - 0

UNH: 1-2-2 - 5

Women's Basketball  
Saturday, Nov. 3  
Win vs. Bishop's  
Vermont: 33-29 — 62  
Bishop's: 19-32 — 51  
Swimming  
Friday, Nov. 2  
Loss @ New Hampshire  
Vermont: 121  
New Hampshire: 173  
Saturday, Nov. 3  
Loss @ Boston College  
Vermont: 135  
Boston College: 155

Conference Standings

America East Field Hockey  
Boston University — (5-0) Overall — (17-5)  
Albany — (4-1) Overall — (15-5)  
Vermont — (3-2) Overall — (12-7)  
New Hampshire — (2-3) Overall — (9-12)  
Maine — (1-4) Overall — (5-11)  
Fairfield — (0-5) Overall — (3-17)

America East Men's Soccer  
Binghamton — (5-3-0) Overall — (13-5-0)  
Vermont — (4-2-2) Overall — (7-9-2)  
Boston University — (3-2-3) Overall — (9-6-3)  
UMBC — (3-3-2) Overall — (8-6-4)  
Hartford — (2-1-5) Overall — (7-4-6)  
New Hampshire — (2-1-5) Overall — (5-4-8)  
Stony Brook — (3-4-1) Overall — (9-7-3)

Albany — (2-3-3) Overall — (3-10-4)  
Maine — (1-6-1) Overall — (3-13-1)

America East Women's Soccer  
New Hampshire — (6-1-1) Overall — (10-6-2)  
Boston University — (6-1-1) Overall — (10-6-3)  
Hartford — (5-1-2) Overall — (7-6-5)  
Stony Brook — (4-2-2) Overall — (8-5-5)  
Maine — (4-3-1) Overall — (8-8-3)  
Binghamton — (2-5-1) Overall — (3-12-4)  
UMBC — (2-6-0) Overall — (3-13-2)  
Vermont — AE — (0-4-0) Overall — (3-14-1)  
Albany — (1-7-0) Overall — (5-10-3)

Hockey East Men's Hockey  
Boston College — (2-0-2) Overall — (3-1-3)  
Maine — (2-0-1) Overall — (4-2-1)

Boston University — (2-1-0) Overall — (2-4-1)  
New Hampshire — (2-1-0) Overall — (4-1-0)  
UMass — (1-1-2) Overall — (3-2-2)  
Northeastern — (2-3-0) Overall — (2-4-0)  
Providence — (1-2-1) Overall — (1-5-1)  
Merrimack — (1-3-0) Overall — (4-3-0)  
Vermont — (0-0-1) Overall — (0-3-1)  
UMass Lowell — (0-2-1) Overall — (2-2-1)

Hockey East Women's Hockey  
New Hampshire — (5-0-0) Overall — (7-1-0)  
UConn — (2-0-0) Overall — (9-1-0)  
Boston College — (2-2-0) Overall — (5-2-1)  
Providence — (1-1-1) Overall — (1-2-2)  
Maine — (0-2-1) Overall — (1-8-1)  
Northeastern — (0-1-0) Overall — (0-6-1)  
Boston University — (0-2-0) Overall — (1-5-2)  
Vermont — (0-2-0) Overall — (4-5-0)

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

### Good week for the Dodgers

By DAKOTA RUBIN

L.A. has a great lineup but never seems to be able to pull it all together. Joe Torre will change that.

Not only is he veteran manager who knows how to win, but he brings with him the best staff in the majors.

It would not be surprising to see the Dodgers take over the weak NL West for the next few years.

### Good Week for the Pac-10

By NICK DECARO

The Pac-10 hosts the game of the week in college football and it doesn't involve USC.

Fourth ranked Arizona State takes its undefeated record on the road to Eugene, Oregon to face the #5 Ducks.

This game determines the Pac-10 front runner and will have BCS implications.

### Good Week for Smith Center HS

By IBI TARIQ

Kansas' Smith Center High School football team racked up a whopping 72 points against Plainville High last week — in the first quarter.

The point total is believed to be a new record, as Smith Center went on to win the game 83-0 and has outscored opponents this year 640-0.

### Bad Week for Mike Cameron

By ZACH PARKER

The gold-gloved center fielder tested positive for stimulants this week and received a 25-game suspension, a penalty usually reserved for second-time offenders.

Heading into free agency after a poor offensive season, it seems even more unlikely now that any teams will be interested in the former San Diego Padre.

### Good Week for Tim Duncan

By Jake Ahrens

Duncan led the defending NBA champions, the San Antonio Spurs, in a decisive opening-day victory over the Portland Trailblazers.

He was also awarded a \$40 million contract extension and a large ring, celebrating his team's accomplishments.

### Bad Week for Kobe

By FARZIN MOJTABAI

It has been a terrible week for Kobe Bryant, who not only was not traded as he requested, but was booed by his home crowd in their opener against the Houston Rockets.

This was coupled by a disappointing 95-93 loss in the final seconds of the game.

# View from the Sidelines

## A look at the National Football League brought to you by Ibi Tariq NFL Predictions — Week 10

### Game of the week

**Dallas at New York Giants** — This game will go a long way to determine the NFC Champion. QB Tony Romo will need to stay mobile and accurate against a Giants 'D' that feeds on quarterback fear. Look for him to earn his big new contract.

Boys over Giants, 30-23

### The best of the rest

**Atlanta at Carolina** — The Panthers need to show the league they're a legit playoff contender. A big win over the hapless and Vick-less Falcons would be good for the Panthers.

Panthers over Falcons, 24-13

**Denver at Kansas City** — Kansas City's ground attack should be enough to win over Denver's horrendous rush D.

Chiefs over Broncos, 17-13

**Minnesota at Green Bay** — The Packer defense needs to contain Vike's rookie RB Adrian Peterson, while Favre needs to lead the Pack offense into the endzone. Expect both to happen.

Packers beat Vikings 31-17

**Philadelphia at Washington** — The Eagles passing attack will need an absolute great game to beat Washington's tough secondary. Expect a heavy dose of Eagles RB Brian Westbrook and WR Kevin Curtis against Washington's tough D.

Eagles fly over the 'Skins, 22-14

**Jacksonville at Tennessee** — It's a pivotal game for both teams looking to make a playoff run. Without QB David Garrard, the Titans top-ranked rush defense should be



(pressbox.co.uk)

able to key in on the Jags' ground attack, the focus of J-Ville's offense and shut down the Jaguars.

Titans get a big win over the Jags, 14-10

**Cleveland at Pittsburgh** — With the Browns getting better, this rivalry will only get more intense. Pittsburgh is still the team to beat — for now.

Steelers beat Browns, 26-15

**St. Louis at New Orleans** — The walking-wounded Rams should get some of their offensive catalysts back for the game. The Saints are on a mission to get in the thick of

the NFC playoff picture.

Saints march over the Rams, 30-18

**Buffalo at Miami** — The Dolphins might be the worst team the NFL has seen in the last five years. The Bills need this game to establish themselves as a decent AFC team.

Bills squish the Fish, 23-10

**Cincinnati at Baltimore** — Bengals QB Carson Palmer will be itching to air it out to WR's T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chad Johnson. The Ravens offense has nothing explosive enough to counter Bengals WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

Bengals fly over the Ravens, 28-18

**Chicago at Oakland** — Oakland's West Coast system is not what JaMarcus Russell's big arm will like, whenever he gets a shot. No matter who's under center for Oakland, the Bears should come out on top.

Bears beat Raiders, 20-14

**Detroit at Arizona** — The Lions can't afford to drop this game and they know it. Detroit should come out of the desert with a win.

Lions rip Cardinals, 22-13

**Indianapolis at San Diego** — Peyton Manning and LaDarian Tomlinson — the NFL oozes over superstar matchups like this. Look for Manning to lead the Colts to a big road win.

Colts buck the Bolts, 34-28

**San Francisco at Seattle** — Monday night games could get more irrelevant, but not by much. The Seahawks should feed off an amped up crowd and win like they should.

Seahawks over 49ers, 27-17

# FACE OFF

## THE MATCHUP

### KAT WILLIAMS VS. JASON BUSHEY

JUDGING BY NICK DECARO



1. Was A-Rod's announcement of opting out of his contract in the middle of the decisive game four of the World Series a selfish move done at the wrong time?

**KW:** I guess the question in my mind is whether or not it was absolutely necessary to announce that he was opting out?

It definitely was the wrong move at the wrong time. The only reason he did it was to stay in the spotlight and make more money.

Also, being a Red Sox fan, I didn't really appreciate the attention change. It wasn't fair to Boston, who was on the verge of winning their second title in four years.

He could have waited until after the Series, instead of looking like such an attention-seeking asshole.

**JB:** Like every other person watching game four of the World Series, I was appalled by the timing of A-Rod's announcement to opt out of his contract, but not surprised.

A-Rod's agent, Scott Boras, is an ego-maniac and making this news known during the World Series was in character.

I also blame FOX for taking the bait on this.

They knew the timing of the announcement was inappropriate and that Boston fans, historically anti-A-Rod, would definitely come down hard on their decision to run this story when they did.

2. With Kobe and Phil butting heads in L.A., is there a chance that Bryant will be traded during the season?

**KW:** Kobe's list only includes New York, Chicago and Phoenix.

Why does Kobe want to go to the Knicks? I'm still trying to figure it out.

If the Lakers are smart they won't sign him because the trade for mediocre players would demolish any chance they have at a winning season.

Chicago would be perfect since the Lakers would get Deng and Gordon, but are the Bulls willing to break up a young team with potential?

Phoenix is in the same division and the Lakers aren't stupid.

As much as Kobe wants to be traded, he won't go unless he opens his options up.

**JB:** A month ago, I believed there was no shot that Kobe would be traded. Ever.

However, now that the season has started and Phil Jackson is publicly criticizing his star player, Kobe being shipped out of L.A. is becoming more realistic everyday.

If the Lakers get off to a slow start, which looks likely after their season-opening loss to Houston, coupled with a Lamar Odom concussion, they may unload the troubled guard and begin rebuilding.

If the Lakers slump in November, Kobe could be this year's Allen Iverson: A superstar with a new team.

3. Are Brett Favre and the Packers for real, or just a pretender in the NFL?

**KW:** The Pack is for real without a doubt.

Favre, in his 17 seasons of brilliance at 38 years old has done it all and is still winning.

In the recent on-the-road, five-game winning streak, Favre has 10 touchdowns with only two interceptions.

The only problem is that if Favre wasn't carrying the team, they wouldn't be having this good of a season.

They have a weak rushing attack and the younger players are still developing.

As long as Favre stays on top of his game, Green Bay should continue to own.

**JB:** Favre is back and the Pack are for real.

The 38-year-old gunslinger has minimized those terrible interceptions he is notorious for throwing and is second in the league in passing yards.

Favre is doing all this without the help of a solid running-game. The Pack ranks dead last in rushing yards per game.

Green Bay's defense is filled with play-makers at each position, refusing to let opposing offenses get comfy.

At 6-1 in a weak NFC, the Pack have already beaten up on the Giants and only a road game against Dallas stands in their way of the #1 seed in the playoffs.

THE SCORE  
WRONG PLACE WRONG  
TIME

KAT 1  
JASON 0

THE SCORE  
CAN'T BE SO PICKY KOBE

KAT 2  
JASON 0

THE SCORE  
EVEN THE BEST NEED A  
DEFENSE

KAT 2  
JASON 1



## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

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Wright-Ward scored again in the third, along with sophomore Steph Holmes, whose goal secured the final score at 5-0.

The Wildcats outshot the Catamounts 30-7 in the contest.

"I like the way we're playing right now," Bothwell said. "I like our chances in any game this year."

(Josh Tyrowicz-Cohen/Vermont Cynic)  
Sophomore goalie Kristen Olychuck (35) stops a BC attempt in the Friday, Nov. 2 contest. Olychuck recorded 27 saves in the 3-1 loss.



**CATS**  
GAMEDAY

VERMONT

VS.

Providence

Saturday: 2 p.m.  
Providence, R.I.  
Sunday: 2 p.m.  
Storrs, Conn.



**The  
Looper**

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

**Still perfect!**

As I spent Saturday hiking up Camel's Hump (for P.E. credit), Saturday night freezing in my tent on top of Camel's Hump and Sunday morning hopping down Camel's Hump eager to get home, I had one thing on my mind.

Alright, I'll admit, I had several — among them: hot food, a hot shower, my bed — but first and most pressing on my mind was the looming Patriots-Colts matchup.

**Most \$\$\$ Award:**

Adrian Peterson, RB, Minnesota Vikings

**Stat Line:**

30 carries  
296 yards rushing  
3 touchdowns

Sitting on the couch, glued to the game Sunday afternoon, I was beginning to think my motivation had been for naught.

Phantom pass interference calls ... Joseph Addai ... yet more penalties ... more Joseph Addai ... and Tom Brady throwing interceptions?

There were brief interludes of Patriotic beauty, primarily the Randy Moss one-handed grab across the middle of the field — question: can anyone else in the NFL make that catch, that gracefully? — but they were far too brief and sparse.

As the game moved into the final quarter, I was not losing faith — no, no — but I would be lying if I didn't admit that it was reminiscent of the headache I fought off at 10 degrees the night before while trying to fall asleep in my cold, miserable sleeping bag.

The Patriots were losing 20-10 with less than 10 minutes to play, a new sight this season and a far cry from last week's 52-7 rampage against the Redskins.

It was unnerving, to say the least.

It was only unnerving, though, until the most perfect NFL team in several years returned to form: the take-no-prisoners, leave-no-survivors mentality they had displayed for, oh, the seven games since Spygate in week one.

Set up by a couple of great kick returns by Wes Welker and a couple of solid defensive stops, the offense finally got on track and just in the nick of time.

A deep ball to Randy Moss, the Pats' first significant shot at a big play (over double coverage, no less), led to a Brady-to-Welker touchdown and put the Pats within three, 20-17.

They pulled ahead four minutes later on a Kevin Faulk touchdown catch.

After the requisite spring from the couch, shouting and fist pumping came the swift realization that Peyton Manning could do a lot of damage in four minutes.

Well, as we all know now, that threat didn't materialize: in beating the Colts 24-20, the Patriots moved to 9-0 on the season.

If the first eight games were played by a newer, meaner, more talented Patriots team, this game was won old school, a team effort marked by timely big plays.

I bet that chip on their collective shoulder is now about as hard and cold as my boots were Sunday morning.

Once a week not enough? Check out the Looper's blog: [thelooper.wordpress.com](http://thelooper.wordpress.com)



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Patrick Gym opened its doors to the 2007-2008 basketball season, ushering in fans eager to represent Catamount Country. The Cats topped Saint Michael's in last year's preseason affair, a decision they repeated on Saturday.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

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was as close as the Knights got to the Cats. Also playing well were freshmen Evan Fjeld (six points, six boards) and Accaoui (four points, two

steals) who made their second appearance on Saturday.

UVM returns this Friday as they travel to take on George Mason and continues

the road trip to play Virginia on Sunday.

The Cats open the regular season at home on Saturday, Nov. 24 against Towson.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

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the playoffs.

Saturday's winning goal, by junior Lee Stephane Kouadio, came 5:26 seconds into the first sudden death overtime period after a miscue by the BU defense, which resulted in a Vermont corner kick.

Geibel whipped the cross into the box where it deflected off a BU player before falling to Hasman, whose attempted bicycle kick was blocked. The loose ball landed at Kouadio's feet, which he slotted past the goalie.

"I told them as we were going into the overtime that its that time of year that guys step up and be special for us," head coach Jesse Cormier said. "And we needed certain guys to do that."

"Lee stepped in and scored the goal for us and to be honest Lee has been doing that for a few years," he said. "He's got those star qualities and they came out today."

Vermont almost went up early in the first half on a cross from Geibel that sailed over the Terrier defenders and found junior Jordan Crasilneck for a diving header at the far post.

His shot was deflected by BU goalie Hrafn Davidson and then swept off the line by senior defender Derek Puerta.

In the playoffs, the Cats will face the winner of the game between #3 BU vs. #6 University of New Hampshire Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Centennial Field.

"A lot of teams feel that BU or Binghamton is the best team in the conference," Cormier said. "And our thing is our guys have something to say about that."

"We have knocked off number one and number two now and we knew from the beginning of the season that we are one of the best teams," he said. "And today we proved it."

The Catamounts defense has held its last five opponents scoreless; recording wins in the last three consecutive games.

On Wednesday the Catamounts jumped out to quick lead

on two goals in the first 12:05 minutes of the game.

UVM gained the advantage when Crasilneck twisted a shot around Binghamton goalie Jason Stenta from 15 yards out 3:45 in to the game.

The goal was Crasilneck's first of the year and gave the Catamounts the early lead they have lacked all season.

The second and final goal of the game came less than 10 minutes later at the 32:55 mark when Hasman sent a pass to sophomore T.J. Gore just inside the box.

Gore pushed the ball into the bottom-right corner of the net, putting the Cats in control and leaving the rest to the defense.

"Our defense has been consistent all year, from the guys in the back to the front," Cormier said. "To hold [Binghamton] to five shots all game is really impressive."

The Cats end the regular season with a 7-9-2 record overall but a 4-2-2 record in America East.

(Additional reporting by Jason Bushey)

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## This Week

Tuesday, Nov. 6 – Monday, Nov. 12

### FRIDAY, NOV. 9

#### Men's Hockey

@ Northeastern  
Boston, Mass., 7 p.m.

#### Men's Basketball

@ George Mason  
Fairfax, Va., 7 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

@ UMass  
Amherst, Mass., 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 10

#### Men's Soccer

@ America East Championships  
TBA, TBA

#### Cross Country

NCAA Regionals  
Boston, Mass., 11 a.m.

#### Swimming

@ Delaware with Drexel  
Newark, Del., 1 p.m.

#### Women's Hockey

@ Providence  
Providence, R.I., 2 p.m.

#### Men's Hockey

@ Merrimack  
North Andover, Mass., 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 11

#### Swimming

@ Lehigh  
Bethlehem, Pa., 12 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

@ Holy Cross  
Worcester, Mass., 1:30 p.m.

#### Men's Basketball

@ Virginia  
Charlottesville, Va., 2 p.m.

#### Women's Hockey

@ UConn  
Storrs, Conn., 2 p.m.

# Catamounts clinch



Junior Lee Stephane Kouadio (21) runs in celebration after scoring the game-winning goal in sudden death overtime in the Saturday, Nov. 3 contest.

## Men's soccer reaches fourth straight playoffs with 1-0 victory

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

Vermont's senior class experienced something in their last regular season game that

no other UVM men's soccer players have seen since 1989.

Seniors Justin Geibel, Panos Georgiadis, Tyler Hasman, Loren Hill and Roger Scully helped the Cats break through against Boston University, winning 1-0 in overtime; their first win against the Terriers in their last 20 meetings.

The victory, coupled with the 2-0 win over conference-leader Binghamton on Wednesday, catapults the Cats from sixth position this time last week to second, entering

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MEN'S SOCCER – A11

## The Cats drop fifth in a row

Top-10 foes prove too overwhelming for the women's hockey team

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

Following a weekend sweep by two of the top-10 teams in the country, the UVM women's hockey team stands at 4-5.

The Friday, Nov. 2 contest against #9 Boston College was the closer of the two affairs for the Cats.

Following a physical but scoreless first period, UVM struck first.

Nineteen minutes into the second period, senior captain Kate Lesniak took an assist from freshman Molly Morrison and snuck it over the right shoulder of BC goalie Molly Schaus.

With one minute remaining in the period, BC answered with a goal from sophomore Kelli Stack, assisted by freshman Katelyn Kurth.

The score remained at 1-1 for the majority of the third period. As the clock neared the five-minute mark, BC senior captain Deborah Spillane notched the tiebreaker on an assist from junior Becky Zavisza.

UVM removed sophomore goalie Kirsten Olychuck from the net in the final minute of play, trying, unsuccessfully, to tie the game.

This strategy backfired as Spillane slipped the puck into an empty net with 19 seconds remaining, increasing the final score to 3-1.

"I am very proud of our effort," head coach Tim Bothwell said. "It's a disappointing loss, but we played nose to nose with a very good team."

Following the BC contest, the #2 University of New Hampshire Wildcats topped Vermont in the Saturday, Nov. 3 contest.

UVM failed to notch any shots on goal in the first period, while UNH junior Sam Faber slipped the puck under Olychuck's legs at the end of the period, bringing the score to 1-0.

Faber's was the only 5v5 goal UNH scored all night, as the Wildcats tallied their other four points on power-play goals.

UNH received a goal each from seniors Jennifer Hitchcock and Sadie Wright-Ward in the second period, lifting the score to 3-0.

LAST TIME OUT

Friday, Nov. 2  
UVM: 0-1-0-1  
BC: 0-1-2-3  
Saturday, Nov. 3  
UVM: 0-0-0-0  
UNH: 1-2-2-5

# Men's Basketball secures two 'W's

One of UVM's most successful sports opens preseason on campus

By KAT WILLIAMS

Senior Staff Writer

The UVM men's basketball team had a great introduction to their season, topping both Concordia and St. Michael's in preseason games last week.

The Cats played Concordia University on Wednesday, Oct. 31, defeating them 92-66.

Junior captain Mike Trimboli led the pack with 18 points along with seven assists and seven steals.

Sophomore Marqus Blakeley contributed with 15 points while senior Kyle Cieplicki added 14 of his own.

Only once did Concordia take the lead, but Vermont bit back by going on a 23-6 run late in the first half.

UVM led 42-25 heading into the second.

The Cats continued to dominate in the second half with another run of 15-2 to put them up by 28 late in the second.

Concordia struggled to work their way back, but the point deficit was too high for them to overcome.

Showing some new talent was freshman Joey Accaoui, who scored nine points in his first collegiate contest.

UVM played St. Michael's College Saturday, Nov. 3, beating the Knights 98-67. Trimboli led the Cats in scoring again, going 10-17 on the floor and 2-2 at the foul line for a total of 24 points. He also tallied five steals and five assists.

Blakeley played well in his inside game and had the team's only double-double, scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 boards.

Cieplicki and junior Colin McIntosh were the only other Cats to score in the double digits with 11 points and eight assists as well as 10 points, respectively.

UVM took an early lead in the first half, using a 14-3 run to extend the lead 19-7.

With just over nine minutes left in the half, St. Mike's cut the Cats' lead to nine; But the Knights soon endured a 10-2 run, which gave UVM 57-



Freshman Pat Bergmann (30) takes a rebound from Concordia guards in Wednesday's victory. Bergmann recorded two rebounds in the contest.

33 lead at the half.

St. Mike's high scorer Brian Monahan (30 points) made a 3-pointer at the

beginning of the second to cut the Cat's lead to 21, but that

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## Chelsea Furlani Women's Hockey



I want our team to open the eyes of our opponents and make a statement that we can compete with any program each time we are on the ice.

## cats' skills

Women's hockey returns to the ice Saturday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. when they travel to Providence.

### 2007-2008 Statistics

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## UVM professor charged with sexual assault

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY  
Assistant News Editor

UVM associate professor and Fletcher Allen doctor, Joseph Abate has been charged with multiple counts of sexual assault for allegedly touching the vaginal areas of several patients on multiple occasions, according to an affidavit of probable cause written by Detective Ed Soyohak.

Abate was arrested in early June after his allegedly inappropriate behavior was brought to the attention of the Burlington

Police, according to the affidavit.

Abate put his hand on one patient's clitoris, as part of what he said was a hip exam, according to the affidavit.

At a follow-up appointment, Abate inserted his finger into a patient's vagina, moving it in and out.

"She stated it was 'basically [her] G-spot where a girl gets stimulation,'" Detective Soyohak said in the affidavit.

He is being charged with eight counts of sexual assault and six counts of lewd and lascivious conduct, a court docket stated.

According to the affidavit:

- A victim referred to as AR came to the police on May 1 to report the incident.

- At an appointment, the doctor rubbed the patients vaginal area, at a following visit, he inserted his finger in her vagina, but gave her neither warning nor explained what he was doing.

- Police granted Soyohak a

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(William Sedlack/Vermont Cynic)

The front entrance to the Fletcher Allen Hospital. Dr. Abate was employed by Fletcher Allen as an orthopedic surgeon.

## S.L.A.P. marches to Waterman, sans clothes



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Members of the Student Labor Action Project march on way to Waterman to visit the offices of President Fogel. The students marched naked to draw attention to the issue of Liveable Wages for UVM workers. They were denied entrance to the President's wing of Waterman and eventually disbanded, clothing themselves in the basement of Waterman.

## ROTC students harassed

Students training for a commission in the Army face harassment from their peers

By TOM MORSE  
Senior Staff Writer

ROTC cadets are facing hazards, dangers and hatred—and they are dealing with these things on the UVM campus.

"[Some cadets] can't study, they don't feel like they can go back to their rooms until late night when everybody's gone," Senior Military Instructor Kevin Deraps said. "That is not a position that a student should be in here, where we stress tolerance for everybody at the University."

"We have an issue right now with a roommate who has threatened physical violence," Deraps said, but he points out that most of the incidents do not involve violence, though they happen fairly often.

"This is not something that happens daily, but it happens every semester," Deraps said.

"Students think that because they're here they have to put up with it, and so they do. They hear the comments from the professors, they hear the comments from the students and they just deal with it, Deraps said.

"What we tell them is that that's not right... there are systems in place to make complaints."

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## SGA condemns FDA for current blood donation policy

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY  
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association passed a resolution last week condemning the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's lifetime deferral policy against gay men who wish to donate blood.

The policy, enacted in 1983, states that "males who have had sex with males at any time since 1977," are currently deferred as blood donors, according to the FDA Web site.

The SGA resolution states

that the policy is "discriminatory" and should be modified "based on high-risk behavior, not sexual orientation."

It urges the Vermont congressional delegation in Washington to take "immediate action" on the issue, and "strongly urges" the FDA to reassess the rule.

Freshman Senator Ana Dru Ellis drafted the resolution that passed last week. "This resolution is important because it is the foundation to a much larger project that could potentially change our country," Ellis said.

The resolution comes in the wake of a heated debate over a bill that would have banned the American Red Cross (ARC) from holding on-campus blood drives, because the organization complies with the FDA lifetime deferral policy.

Ellis co-sponsored the ARC resolution that was defeated last month.

Senior Senator Jesse Bragg, chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Environmental Ethics, said

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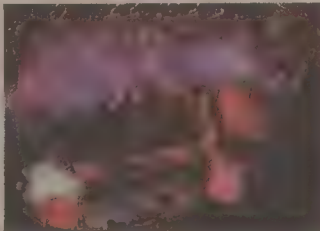
Senator John Colin-Quinn.

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In preparation for the cold winter months we run down the best winter coats

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# SGA Chairs legislate to keep Vt. clean



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

SGA Chair Scott McCarty pictured on the Livak balcony.

## Chairs Jesse Bragg and Scott McCarty sponsored the Keep Vermont Clean & Clear Act which SGA passed at last week's session

By JEFFREY FROMUTH  
Cynic Correspondent

Last week, two Student Government chairs sponsored a resolution that addresses environmental issues in Vermont.

"We've always had a green thumb," said Scott McCarty, the SGA senator who co-sponsored the University's new environmental legislature last Tuesday, adding that it's now time for UVM to help "create a green economy."

His resolution, The Keep Vermont Clean & Clear Act, intends to do just that.

The bill, introduced by McCarty and fellow senator Jesse Bragg, is the University of

Vermont's first legislative response to an important October report issued by the Governor's Commission on Climate Change—Governor Douglas' creation—that names UVM as a crucial environmental ally.

The GCCC's report, released on Oct. 26, proposes a few key steps towards greater environmental sustainability.

These include reducing Vermont's carbon emissions with more efficient technologies, and notably, strengthening the relationship between Vermont's government, academic and private sectors, a partnership it calls the "Vermont Climate Collaborative."

The University's own resolution affirms UVM's commitment to environmental stewardship, declares the SGA's support of the GCCC's recommendation, and calls for the University's partnership with the state government to execute them.

It also asks that the other players, namely Governor Douglas and the Vermont General Assembly, accept and carry out the GCCC's findings "in an expedited manner."

The two student senators

feel such a request is necessary given Governor Douglas' pointed veto of Vermont State Legislature's H.R. 520, an environmental resolution that was very similar to the recent proposals by the GCCC.

Asked about the veto, Senator McCarty said "[Gov. Douglas] really dropped the ball on this one," criticizing what he thought was a misplaced fear to raise taxes on fossil-fuel burning companies.

The SGA senators expect the governor will claim to work with the GCCC's report and its recommendations, but remains skeptical, saying "Governor Douglas is long on poetry and short on specifics," and adding that he would like a cabinet position addressing climate change.

In closing, McCarthy said hopefully "[UVM] has so many great resources that could educate Vermont about making global climate changes. I hope the University and the state work together on this," adding, "If we partner up, we'll be much more likely to get something done."

# HazMat incident strikes UVM research facility

By JULIA DROST  
Staff Writer

Two separate incidents at UVM resulted in building evacuations last Monday, according to fire officials in Burlington. One of the incidents was another hazardous materials accident, the other a fire alarm in a separate building.

The hazardous materials episode occurred around 12:40 p.m. on Monday when, "a researcher in a lab on the fourth floor of the Health Science Research Facility was working under a fume hood and spilled a mixture containing phenol," Director of University Communications Enrique Corredera said.

The researcher had a lab coat on but, according to Burlington Fire Chief Mike O'Neil, the chemical splashed on his legs.

The researcher then proceeded to leave the fourth floor lab and go to the first floor to a shower.

"The problem with that is that the shower was not one of the ones that are used for emergency wash off, it had hot water in it, and it actually released the volatiles in the chemical which made it a little bit worse," O'Neil said.

According to Corredera, per laboratory protocol, a call to 911 was made during the time that the researcher attempted to rinse off the spill.

UVM Chief of Police Gary Margolis said that in answering the call, "UVM Police responded and established a command post and unified command with the Burlington Fire Department. We proceeded to assist the BFD [Burlington Fire Department] with securing the area as they began evacuations."

O'Neil said that when the

BFD arrived, evacuations were performed and, "we isolated the building and denied entry to anyone when we determined what the situation was."

Regardless of the severity of a situation such as this, O'Neil said that "the first thing to do is isolate the area and deny entry to anyone; that [procedure is] typically what we follow."

"This way we know we're not going to expose anybody further than the people that have already been exposed," he said.

**"The situation was managed well by first responder agencies. We are pleased with the outcome."**

*-Gary Margolis,  
UVM Police chief*

UVM Police "proceeded to assist the BFD with securing the area as they began evacuations," Margolis said.

After the building was isolated, first responders did a search of the building based on the information that was given to the BFD in order to make sure there was nothing else of concern, O'Neil said.

Knowing that the lab facility goes through six routine air changes an hour, after 45 minutes and roughly five air changes, the BFD allowed UVM Environmental Safety to enter the building, O'Neil said.

The Environmental Safety team entered the building to clean up the spill and take air quality samples, Corredera said.

"Once the detection equipment showed that there was no chemical in the area, we turned the building back over UVM, they finished the clean up and opened it," O'Neil said. Corredera said the building was reopened at 2:20 p.m.

The researcher who spilled phenol on himself and the technician who was in the lab were transported to the hospital for evaluation, according to Corredera.

The fire department found that another staff person from the building and a UVM police officer were also in the area of the exposure, and so as a precaution these people were transported to the hospital to be evaluated for ill effects as well, O'Neil said.

All four persons have been released from Fletcher Allen, Corredera said.

With regards to prevention, O'Neil said "the researcher hadn't [gone] through the building, the chemical would have been more contained and just that floor might have been able to be isolated."

"There are emergency showers in those lab areas; they are plentiful on every floor. That's why they're there. That's what they're used for, to keep people to the closest area without contaminating the building," O'Neil said.

Police Chief Margolis said that, "From our perspective, shared with BFD, the situation was managed well by first responder agencies. We are pleased with the outcome."

"We do work very well together. In the event that we have something that is not as routine as this, I think everybody will be well served by the emergency procedures that we have set forward," O'Neil said.

## One issue left for the semester.

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# Students pass judgement on city landlords

## UVM's Student Government Association completed their landlord survey for students to rate their landlords

By KRISTANCE HARLOW  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM students utilized the Student Government Association's online rental survey to anonymously grade the best and worst landlords of 2007.

Scott McCarty, a UVM senior and SGA's chair of the Committee of Legislative Action, said, "The rental property survey started a few years ago, to give students an anonymous outlet to show other students what their landlords are like."

The rental property survey requires users to verify their student status via an e-mail notification. Using a grading system from A to F, students grade landlords and their properties on 28 factors.

With the majority of upperclassmen and graduate students living off-campus, the survey is a good resource for finding landlords. McCarty said the best landlords often refer students to the survey.

For the 2007 survey, Mar-

tha Lang was rated as the worst landlord in Burlington. Students said she's not the only bad landlord around. Soon Kwon, Peter Gutshow, Carl Lankin, Gene Richards, Chad Tyler, Jody Handy, Rick Sharp, Joel Miller and Redstone Apartments joined her in the Bottom 10.

Jill Diemer, one half of Diemer Property Management, takes pride in her apartments. "Open and honest communication is essential to a good landlord-tenant relationship. I go over every detail of my lease."

**"We signed the lease and only had a verbal agreement that everything would be fixed before we moved in."**

-Kesha Ram,  
SGA President

I'm really honest about things happening in my apartments," she said.

Diemer was the top graded landlord. The Top 10 included Cheddi Sargeant, Doug Boyden, Mark Farrell, Nate Hayward, Kate Stein, Bing Enterprises, Tracey Howard, Nancy Elkington, Rily Properties and Core Properties LLC.

UVM students currently living off campus shared their experiences at the year's first

Off Campus Living Workshop, on Nov. 8. They warned that many landlords try to take advantage of student tenants.

SGA President Kesha Ram took her landlord, Jim O'Connor, to the Housing Review Board and won. "Above and beyond our security deposit, he tried to make us pay upwards of \$500 in fraudulent charges," Ram said.

Even when keeping the heat at an even 65 degrees, Ram said they were paying around \$600 a month for heat because of an inefficient heater. According to Ram, when confronted, the landlord blamed the high bill on global warming.

"The bathroom window was molding and falling into the shower, the ceiling was leaking. We signed the lease and only had a verbal agreement that everything would be fixed before we moved in," Ram said.

Ram said she had friends who lost more money than she did and never took their landlords to the Review Board. Ram tried to give landlords the benefit of the doubt, but realized that tenants must be proactive.

McCarty emphasized that SGA and Office of Student Community Relations are resources for students, "if people are having problems with their landlords we want to hear about it."

WHO DO YOU

RENT FROM?



### Top 10 Best Landlords Top 10 Worst Landlords

Cheddi Sargeant  
Doug Boyden  
Mark Farrell  
Nate Hayward  
Kate Stein  
Bing Enterprises  
Tracy Howard  
Nancy Elkington  
Rily Properties  
Core Properties

Martha Lang  
Soon Kwon  
Peter Gutshow  
Carl Lankin  
Gene Richards  
Chad Tyler  
Jody Handy  
Rick Sharp  
Joel Miller  
Redstone Apartments

# UVM installs closed circuit cameras in Davis Center

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO  
Senior Staff Writer

Upon entering the Davis Center recently, individuals may have noticed that they are being monitored.

According to Allen Josey, director of operations for the Davis Center, over the past few months approximately 32 "closed circuit television," or CCTV, cameras have been installed throughout the Davis Center.

These CCTV cameras capture video images and record them; the records serve as evi-

dence for any incidents that may occur inside the building.

The cameras send information from the Davis Center to a server at Police Services.

There, the information will only be kept on file for 14 days before it is deleted to make space for new data.

The cameras can be accessed in the Davis Center, along with any other location on campus, but there will not be a person who monitors the live footage each day, according to Josey.

Some students are a bit skeptical about the installa-

tion of the cameras. "I think it's kind of weird we're being watched. There aren't cameras in other buildings. The Davis Center was supposed to be a green, student center, but now they're making it like a mall," said freshman Jonna Jermyn.

However, the purpose of the cameras is not to spy on students. Josey informs that the cameras are purely for safety precaution. "The reality is that we are not in a totally safe space," he said.

"There is a growing expectation by students, parents,

staff and faculty that we have various security measures in place to help protect our community and aid in identifying people who violate our safety."

In addition to protecting the UVM community, the cameras will serve to discourage furniture theft, according to Josey. "We have already had issues with people trying to take furniture," he said.

The CCTV cameras are located in areas with a lot of traffic flow: all major entrances to the building, stairwells, primary hallways and the loading

dock.

The activity near the two information desks will also be recorded "... In the event that a student worker is involved with a person who is combative, argumentative, drunk, et cetera" Josey said.

These cameras are not the first to appear on campus; there are several in the bookstore and in the Gutterson parking facility, Josey said.

"Things like CCTV system and campus blue lights are all part of this effort to insure as best we can the campus is safe," Josey said.

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## COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

- On page A3 of last week's issue, Tom Morse was listed as a Cynic Correspondent. He is in fact a Senior Staff Writer.

- On page A1, we stated that "The resolution would have benned the organization from campus because of a policy that does not allow homosexual males ..." In reality, the policy forbids men who have had sex with other men from donating blood.

-The Vermont Cynic Staff  
(Please send any corrections to [cynicnewsroom@gmail.com](mailto:cynicnewsroom@gmail.com))



# TOWERRR sponsors Women's Leadership Panel

By VERA SIMON-NOBES

Senior Staff Writer

Four community leaders urged a crowd to take advantage of leadership opportunities, seek mentors, and develop networks on Wednesday evening, but more than the advice they offered, the panelists had their gender in common.

TOWERRR (The Organizing of Women Exemplifying Reason and Responsibility) hosted the panel discussion, entitled, "Women in Leadership" in the Sugar Maple Ballroom last Wednesday evening.

Panelists Lisa Ventriss, CEO of Vermont Business Roundtable, Vermont Representative Rachel Weston, Vermont Senator Diane Snelling, and professor Jane Knodell shared their stories. They spoke to a largely female crowd on issues ranging from Hillary Clinton to coping with political loss.

Weston began her career in activism as a 9-year-old, when she wrote a letter to Saddam Hussein that said, "Don't you know you shouldn't kill people for oil."

Her interest in social jus-

tice grew and while working toward her masters in public administration at UVM, she took former Vermont Governor Madeline Kunin's class, "Women, Leadership and Politics."

Weston said that this class drove her interest in politics as a means of social change in addition to protesting and non-profit work, and after graduating she became the youngest member in the state legislature.

Lisa Ventriss also dated the development of her political thinking to a historical event. "My signature moment was my first summer at UVM, towards the end of the Vietnam War when I watched the Watergate hearings."

Ventriss went on to get her masters in public administration from UVM, and is now the CEO of Vermont Business Roundtable, which is a CEO membership organization that works to "address long range complex policy issues that Vermonters face," she said.

Ventriss emphasized the importance of challenging oneself and taking advantage of opportunities. "My challenge to you is when someone

comes up to you and asks you 'do you want to this thing, and own that project', say yes."

As a faculty member in the Department of Economics as UVM, when the Chair of the department asked Jane Knodell to undertake a research project about intestate

**"My challenge to you is when someone comes up to you and asks you 'do you want to this thing, and own that project', say yes."**

*-Lisa Ventriss  
CEO of Vermont Business Roundtable*

banking, she accepted the opportunity. Knodell was soon an expert, "before I knew it I was testifying," she said.

Ventriss laid out some recommendations for coping with an overwhelming opportunity. "If you think 'how am I going to do this?' The first rule is 'don't panic'. Be confident in your abilities ... It is that kind

of confidence that you exude that helps people also think that you can do the things you cannot do," Ventriss said.

State Senator Diane Snelling had a history of pulling positive attributes out of challenging situations. Both of Snelling's parents were involved in local politics, she said.

Her father represented Shelburne in the legislature, however when he ran for governor and lieutenant governor, he lost.

"[When I was growing up] he was very public, very intense, but he was publicly losing," Snelling said. "I think that was a very good starting point for me to go into politics."

Snelling said she is an artist first and foremost, but after serving on her town selectboard she was appointed by Governor Howard Dean to replace her mother in the legislature when she could not finish her term.

Snelling ran for reelection when the term was up, though she said she never thought she would be in politics.

While the success of the four panelists prove that the local community is receptive

of women in leadership positions, they questioned whether the country would be ready for a female president.

"There are people out there who would be really frightened to see a woman become president," Knodell said. Though they all agreed that her campaign is monumental.

"This is a woman who is running in her own right. I find it to be such an exciting turning point for women in American history, even if she doesn't get the nomination," Weston said.

"It's very historic," Ventriss said. "She started breaking some glass ceilings back in the 1990s."

Whether Clinton needed to break ceilings for the audience of young, ambitious women, or whether they would do it themselves, listeners left the panel discussion with motivation from the positive role models assembled by TOWERRR.

"We hope that you are encouraged to be proud of who you are," TOWERRR secretary Katherine Nopper said in closing, "and that you are inspired by the wisdom that you heard tonight."

## SGA

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(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

From left: Jackie Peterson, DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan, Kesha Ram, Michael Glynne and Sarah Shackett.

that the resolution addresses a more manageable piece of what last month's ARC legislation attempted to undertake.

Sophomore Senator John Colin Quinn, who authored the ARC legislation, said he did not support the resolution that passed

**The SGA resolution states that the policy is "discriminatory" and should be modified "based on high-risk behavior, not sexual orientation."**

last week however, because "it was not real action."

Quinn said that the resolution does not address the local issue of

gay UVM students being deferred from on-campus blood drives.

Sophomore Senator Josh Mangiagli had similar objection. "My concern is that addressing the FDA, as opposed to the Red Cross, will yield a lesser result in changing the discriminatory policy at hand," he said.

"In shifting our focus to the FDA we are picking an inevitably less responsive organization to focus our energy on," Mangiagli said.

Ellis told the SGA senate last week that the resolution would be "the roots of a larger project." She said she and other SGA senators would prepare petitions, a scientific report, and a letter to send to the FDA, urging them to modify the deferral policy.

## ABATE

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warrant to record a 45 minute conversation between Abate and AR after a series of e-mail correspondence

•Abate requested the patient to make appointments only after hours so she would not have to wait so long in the office or get billed by Fletcher Allen, wrote Abate in an e-mail to AR.

•Detectives Soyohak John Dunn were granted a warrant after recording a phone call between Abate and AR to obtain AR's medical records.

•In the phone call, Abate brought up the exam he had conducted.

•He said he was trying to feel the "corner of the bone there," when he put his finger in her vagina.

•In the conversation, he said that the exam was "kind of weird," and acknowledged that he made her uncomfortable. He also said that he would "cut [his] arm off to make [AR] feel better."

•Detectives Soyohak and Dunn met Abate on his way

to his car after leaving work at the Sports Medicine Center in Colchester on June 4, 2007.

•Abate brought the detectives into his office where they interviewed him for two hours.

•Abate admitted that what he had done was wrong: "I should have worn gloves" and "it never should have happened."

**Abate put his hand on one patient's clitoris, as part of what he said was a hip exam, according to the affidavit. At a follow-up appointment, Abate inserted his finger into a patient's vagina moving it in and out.**

•After obtaining AR's medical records, Detective Soyohak noted that "Both entries did not appear to have any information about any hip exam."

Abate declined to comment on the pending case.

Abate's defense motioned to have "complete disclosure of information relating to the complainant's prior allegations of sexual assault," stating "In speaking of her willingness to gather information against Dr. Abate, AR said, that she wanted to 'get him [Dr. Abate] because the last time "the guy got off."

The "parties were not able to reach an agreement, thereby necessitating the motion" said Sheehy Furlong and Behm PC, the attorneys for the defendant.

AR's father said, "I believe at this point in time, she would not wish to comment."

"If the allegations are true, I don't think he should be a professor at all," junior Sam Daniels said.

"I don't think I could respect him as a teacher," Daniels commented on hypothetically having Abate as his professor.

Abate is currently on administrative leave from the University pending the outcome of his trial, Carol Whitaker of the College of Medicine said.

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plaints."

"The UVM code of conduct makes it quite clear that students who are guilty of bigotry and intolerance are required to take consideration for others training or counseling" military studies professor Steven Koebrich said.

The University's policies Web page only explicitly guarantees protection from harassment on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation and disability; still the ROTC has successfully petitioned the director of diversity and equity on behalf of cadets.

"We go to the administrators, we use the RAs and the administrators and they do the investigation," Deraps said. "We let the process work."

"They say 'look, why am I being discriminated against for what I'm doing, whereas if it was somebody else or some other group it would not be tolerated,'" Deraps said.

"It's like any other problem with people who are picking on others or discriminating against [them], if you don't say something about it, it makes it ok," Deraps said.

"One cadet told me he tried to overcompensate by being nice," enrollment officer for

the ROTC Jill Nitz said. "Why should they have to put up with extra stress?"

The students are being targeted specifically. Deraps noted that he does not get comments from people when he wears his uniform on campus. He attributes it to what he calls the "bully mentality," and says that one reason cadets are being picked on is because they are in the minority.

The hypocrisy of this bigotry at UVM is not lost on Koebrich, who said that many students here are "prejudiced against certain types of intolerance" while they openly engage in other forms of it.



(Eliza Mason/Vermont Cynic)

The R.O.T.C. building on Main Street pictured above. Students from R.O.T.C. have felt discriminated against due to their status as an officer in training.



# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## National

### Vuitton handbags on display in L.A.

The Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles debuted an exhibit with art from Japanese artist Takashi Murakami, who designs for Louis Vuitton. The exhibit displays designer handbags that are for sale.

### Spears ordered to pay Federline's legal fees

A judge ordered Britney Spears to pay her ex-husband, Kevin Federline, \$120,000 of the \$154,000 he owes his lawyer. Spears pays \$102,000 per month on going out, buying gifts and taking vacations.

### California sues EPA over clean air

The state of California sued the Environmental Protection Agency last Thursday because it wants to change the current standard for automobile carbon emissions. The state needs the EPA to issue a waiver to implement the new more environmentally conscious standard.

### San Francisco Bay marred by oil spill

About 9,500 gallons of oil spilled in San Francisco after a container ship crashed into the Bay Bridge. Officials took hours to arrive on the scene, causing an environmental disaster.

### Texas Snake Man breaks own record

Jackie Bibby, "The Texas Snake Man," broke his own Guinness World Record last week by sitting in a clear bathtub with 87 rattlesnakes for 45 minutes. His previous record was twelve snakes.

### Founder of Village Voice dead at 84

Norman Mailer, literary giant, died at 84 of acute renal failure. Mailer, the author of "The Naked and the Dead" and 30 other books, won the Pulitzer Prize twice, once in 1968 and again 1969. Mailer transformed the American novel with a blend of non-fiction and fiction writing.

### Congress serves Bush first override

Lawmakers in both houses of the U.S. Congress handed President Bush his first veto override since he took office in 2001. The bill will provide \$23 billion for coastal restoration projects, improving the health of the Great Lakes, and restoring the Florida Everglades.

### Mukasey sworn in despite controversy

Attorney General Michael Mukasey was sworn into office shortly after being confirmed by the U.S. Senate last Friday. Supporters see Mukasey as a strong leader who will lead the Justice Department without political influence from the White House.

### Robertson supports Giuliani 2008 bid

Christian conservative broadcaster Pat Robertson announced his support for 2008 presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani last week. Many considered Robertson's support for Giuliani strange, given the former New York mayor's liberal stance on social issues.

### Lopez pregnant, Anthony pissed

Jennifer Lopez confirmed that she was pregnant last Thursday. Marc Anthony, Lopez's husband of three years, said, "I didn't know she was going to talk."

## International

### iPhone makes EU debut in Germany

The iPhone made its European debut on Friday in Germany. The gadget costs 399 euros, which is equivalent to \$587.

### Supposed vaccine increases AIDS risk

Researchers of an AIDS vaccine found that not only did the vaccine not work, but it also made recipients more susceptible to the infection. Eighty-two of 1,500 people got the AIDS virus, and of those, only 33 were prescribed a placebo.

### Finnish boy kills 8, praises Columbine

An 18-year-old Finnish student shot and killed eight students and injured 10 others on Wednesday. The shoot-

ing happened at the student's high school after he posted 89 videos online praising Hitler and Eric Harris, the shooter at Columbine, as well as other serial killers.

### Doctors operate on eight-limbed child

Thirty doctors spent 27 hours in surgery last week removing two extra arms and legs from 4 year-old Lakshmi Tatma's body. The \$625,000 surgery was paid for by the hospital's foundation.

### Annual death toll reaches new high

The annual death toll in Iraq is higher this year than any other since the war began in 2003. Eight hundred fifty two American men and women have died this year alone in Iraq.

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quote of  
the week:****"The NSA  
is getting  
everything."**

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AT&T technician  
on a secret and  
potentially illegal  
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**Facebook goes downhill**

Once upon a time there was this magical social network called Facebook.

This Internet-based community brought campuses together and created a new way to stay in touch with friends from home.

Unfortunately, this Web site has seriously gone down the drain and has completely deteriorated the social constructs of our generation.

Granted, this is not a new argument.

Ever since Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, let high school students in on the fun, the quality has fallen into the ranks of — dare we say — MySpace.

Has Zuckerberg learned nothing from the child predator specials on "Dateline"?

In the good ol' days, you could get in touch with people in your courses when you lost your textbook or missed a class with a click on your profile.

Now that application is gone forever and in its place are plenty of other useless applications to make up

for it.

You can pretend to be a vampire and virtually bite all your friends to make them fake vampires ...

You can further exaggerate your alcoholism and send friends virtual drinks ...

The winner of all pathetic applications — you can Compare People!

As if our society didn't exaggerate the self-gratifying effects of putting down other people, you can now utilize Facebook to insult your friends!

"Fred Girard has compared you against Molly J. and he thinks you're artsier."

And since when did the word "friend" become a verb?

Facebook has no title for "cute girl I saw in the Grundle once" or "friend of a friend who likes DMB, too" so we generalize all acquaintances into "friends."

Who REALLY has 352 friends?

There are so many things wrong with what goes on Facebook that it's hard to sympathize with students who face grave consequences because of

it.

Imagine what further generations will think of us when they see the photos we upload on Facebook.

There is NO SUCH THING as privacy. Especially when it's posted onto a Web site that carries your full name and contact information.

Did you really think including your room number/dorm name was a good idea?

In denial that you're growing up and need to start maturing into an adult? Let's see who'll hire you when they see you in some basement guzzling beer through a funnel.

So you take the chance that your employer is too old to think about checking your profile.

That's a hefty chance to take now that Facebook is open to everyone.

Just wait, your Aunt Sherry will be "friending" you shortly. Just what you always wanted when you joined Facebook.

Search YouTube for "Facebook infomercial parody" for a good laugh and wake-up call.

**Facilitating discourse**

Our community has experienced what we would consider to be a tumultuous semester.

Yet, there are a number of trying issues on campus which continue to persist and many more that are sure to come.

This is why we at *The Cynic* put a premium on civility in discourse. Trying times bring with them many competing ideas of how to interpret and address our problems. If we are to sort out these problems we must do so in a respectful and productive manner.

We of *The Cynic* consider ourselves facilitators of this: it is our mission to provide a forum for intelligent, thoughtful and meaningful debate of issues relevant to our community.

In pursuit of this, we seek out several things.

First: A sense of reason. We applaud virtue, but must also recognize the val-

ues of sense and pragmatism. Part of this requires a non-dogmatic approach to the issues: it must always be understood that either side of a debate may be wrong and that points from all perspectives must be evaluated and scrutinized equally.

Second: A sense of mutual respect. This should be easy enough to understand, but sometimes is very hard to put into effect. This means being careful with words and actions — tread lightly, speak thoughtfully.

Third: Taking a stand and making a point. Apathy gets us nowhere. We have to familiarize ourselves with the issues and figure out where each of us stands, but we must also stand by our convictions, because without our active support they are worthless.

Fourth: Contribution. We seek to inspire and encourage input from the

whole community. If you disagree with something that has been said or done, or have a general grievance with something in our own bubble please do not hesitate to send us a letter.

Public forum is a great thing and we value it supremely. Without your contributions it is hard to keep up a successful, healthy discourse.

We promise to select letters based only upon the aforementioned criteria, as well as quality of writing, accuracy of claims, timeliness and relevance. We will never reject a submission because of personal, ideological differences.

But one thing we can never accept are the arguments that are never written down and submitted.

Help us out. Help yourself out. Get your voice out. Participate in our community. But please, please, do so respectfully and reasonably.



Jeremy Spiro-Winn

## Don't Vote

"Get out the vote" campaigns are a deplorable thing.

Where is the virtue in compelling the unthinking reality-TV-watching masses that they should play a vital role in shaping the course of our democracy?

It frightens me to think that there may be people voting in greater numbers because they have been compelled to do so by the likes of the people in charge of MTV, or by the likes of their peers in college who seem to think voting is "cool."

And I don't want these people contributing to the debate.

I want intelligent and in-



formed citizens voting because they have seriously weighed the costs and benefits of a particular candidate.

A voter should not be easily dazzled by clever-but-hollow turns of phrase, or the excitement of an expensive campaign ad or rally.

But I fear that this is what has happened.

Those who have the ability and resources to most effectively appeal to the most basic human instincts and drives and to rely upon simple and narrow ideas are most adequately geared towards winning elections.

No longer are a politician's credentials, eloquence or policies the primary contributor to their value to the electorate. Instead we consider things

like their "likability," indiscretions in their sexual lives and the cost of their haircuts.

And somehow it has become better for a candidate to be average, rather than great. George W. Bush "won" two elections by riding on images of himself clearing brush at his ranch and his tendency to use simple, if mispronounced, words.

We would never expect a crowd to be moved to silence by the power of his diction. We would never expect him to write his own speeches. But this criticism expands well beyond a mere panning of George Bush. There is something far more troubling at work.

If our country were functioning correctly we couldn't possibly have twice-elected

such a man as president.

If our country were functioning correctly than it is now, the man would have been long-ago removed through impeachment.

But maddeningly, frighteningly, puzzlingly he has not. Despite historically unparalleled hatred for this president, he remains largely untouched: his appointments are confirmed; his war continues ...

And I blame the electorate.

Americans have sacrificed their duty to elect sensible people to office, and to hold those people accountable when they break their promises.

The ability and desire to meaningfully consider a candidate, examine his positions and take time to question and

verify things they claim has given way to laziness, and acceptance of what have now become the status quo standards of corruption and deceit.

And if we don't reverse this we cannot expect the state of things to improve.

This means not more voting, but better voting. It means letting those who have the inclination to vote to do so, rather than encouraging the participation of all.

If you're unwilling or unable educate yourself, question your leaders and vote with intelligent, reasoned thought then you have no place participating in government at all.

Don't vote.

## Letters to the Editor

### Unpatriotic

I am a concerned student here at UVM.

This past Thursday, William Blum was on campus to give a lecture about America's foreign policy.

He stated that "... among them [myths] is the idea that the U.S. government in its dealings with foreign peoples actually means well, that its intentions are noble. I say that is a flawed belief."

I take action with this.

Blum's books have even been recommended by Osama Bin Laden and other anti-American figures. Does anyone else find that a terrible thing?

He believes in "...slow[ing] down, if not trying to stop the American empire to keep it

from continuing to carry out all the terrible things that it has done in the world."

I believe that this man is a danger to the United States and he should not be filling American students' heads with dangerous propaganda.

I am a member of the Vermont National Guard and my brother is in the U.S. Marines. It is hard to hear the people that we are protecting bash the country that we have vowed to die for.

When Blum says that no one killed in Afghanistan is linked to 9/11 and that that means they should not have been killed, he is terribly wrong.

When my brother is driving down the road and some-

one shoots at him with the intention to kill, he deserves to die.

Anyone that wishes harm to the United States or its people is dangerous and should not be given any sympathy.

I believe that Blum and anyone that shares his opinions are irresponsible cowards.

I am writing this because I hope to bring light to the University of Vermont because I feel that this University is turning into a breeding ground of secular-progressives and needs to be stopped.

Thank you,  
Phil Harrington,  
Class of 2010

### Looking to the future

As Bob Dylan once said, "The times they are a-changin'."

Yet, I wonder if the world around us looks different day to day because we are changing too. I vividly remember coming to UVM more than two years ago thinking to myself, "I finally made it! I can't believe I am old enough to be in college!" I closed my eyes and held on for the ride.

Somehow two years have come and gone, and here we are today. The question that I pose is; where will we be tomorrow? What will the next two years bring to us, and our surroundings?

As a junior, my future has been on my mind a lot. One of the biggest questions is: where will I go?

I am from Vermont and have been in love with this state since the day I was born, but there is very little opportunity for people who are interested in professions besides maple sugaring and cow farming.

Of course this is an exaggeration, but nevertheless employment choices are limited in Vermont today. Many students here at UVM are plan-

ning on Vermont after their graduation, but who will stay?

Vermont's population is very small and is beginning to grow very old, which means someone has to take their place or this state will shrink.

Whether you are a Vermonter or an out-of-stater, we are all here in Vermont right now, this is our common ground. Thus we must have some interest in this state's wellbeing and our role in it.

This is why my friends and I on the Student Government Association have put together the Next Generation Forum.

This discussion will take place on Nov. 15 in the Sugar Maple ballroom on the fourth floor in the Davis Center at 6:15 p.m.

The four panelists coming to speak are people with some of the answers to the questions that quite a few people have.

I urge all to come. Don't close your eyes and let these times a-change. Open your eyes and see what is going on around you, and see the state we call home, Vermont.

Respectfully,  
Mandy Frank  
Class of 2009

### Unfair Coverage

I was disappointed to see the recent *Cynic* article published on Nov. 6 which headlined, "ResLife Draws Criticism for Concealing Asbestos" and the follow-up Op-Ed piece entitled "An Inadequate Response."

While I don't typically make it a habit to respond to *Cynic* articles and especially opinion pieces, I feel compelled this time because it is about the health and safety of our campus community.

The article chastises Residential Life for not making it more known that asbestos exists in the basement of Coolidge. What the article failed to mention is that asbestos is everywhere — in your classrooms, the library, most likely your homes and yes, just as the article states, it does not pose a threat unless disturbed.

As confirmed by the Physical Plant Training and Compliance Office, the removal of asbestos from campus buildings is about as routine as discarding the trash.

What really is irksome is that *The Cynic* chooses to berate Residential Life about a lack of "transparency in communication" when *The Cynic*

— whose sole purpose is informing the campus community — remains silent on the real threats of safety to our students: increasing sexual assaults, bias incidents, alcohol and drug abuse, drug dealing that goes unreported, vandalism and tampering with fire safety equipment and letting strangers into locked buildings.

In fact, not only does *The Cynic* remain silent about these important issues, but it also seems to only perpetuate or glorify alcohol use, sexual promiscuity and slanted perspectives about who is being harmed on campus.

For instance, the sex advice column that makes reference to alcohol use and sex without any regard for taking health and safety precautions or last year's mixed drink recipes that were touted as "feature items."

Another example is even within this same issue with the front page article about a bias incident where a student was targeted as being "heterosexual," via graffiti, which I agree should not be tolerated. But its front page headline gives the impression that when heterosexuals may be

the victims of hate, *The Cynic* is suddenly appalled and worried about their safety.

What about the safety of the eight women who reported being sexually assaulted this September? Or the 96 women who reported being sexually assaulted last year?

Or the bias incidents (26 reported to Residential Life, nine reported to Police Services this year) that have targeted students in marginalized communities?

The University has put hundreds of thousands of dollars into student safety both in infrastructure, programming and most recently the campus-wide THINK, CARE, ACT safety campaign all in an effort to educate students and provide them with the resources they need to make good decisions.

So, *Cynic* staff, when you are ready to really talk about safety and be "transparent in your communication" about what is truly harmful to students, let me know.

Annie Stevens  
Assistant Vice President  
Student and Campus Life

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# Davis Center: Revisted

by Ted Calcagni



The Davis Center is no new sight on the campus horizon. *The Cynic* sent home a progress report on student sentiments and what is going on behind the scenes as the finishing touches are being made.

The Davis Center offers a number of services and shops to students, including: a convenient store, a bank, SGA offices, lounges, multiple dining areas and two ballrooms. So what do the students think?

Freshman Haley Bruce feels the Davis Center "meets the basic needs for just about everybody. Whether you need a computer, a place to rest, food, it's all there. I can't think of anything else that could be added," she said.

However, not every student is singing praises for the Davis Center. Mae Baldwin summed up one popular view, "[The Davis Center] is somewhat a waste of money when there are so many other things the resources could go into."

Although the cost of the 186,000 square foot structure was indeed great, it wouldn't have been built if it wasn't what the student body wanted. The desire for a new student center was explicitly voiced by the Student Government Association. According to director

of Capital Planning and Management, Robert Vaughan.

Vaughan points out the SGA has been calling for its construction for a long time. "Student fees have been incrementally raised, and this was all endorsed by the SGA. They [the SGA] kept sending in resolutions saying 'we want a student center,' and the University delivered," he said.

Ray Lavigne, speaking for the contractor William A. Berry, said, "this is a hundred-year building. It's 52% more efficient in energy and heating than an ordinary building of its size, and uses 41% less water. This is a building for the university and the students to be proud of, and will be cost effective in the long run."

There are also students who don't like or dislike the Davis Center, but simply don't know what to think. Senior Ashley Michelle Fowler came to the conclusion that, "it's bittersweet. When I think of how the campus looked when I arrived as a freshman, and how it looks now, it's completely different."

However, this change in appearance was intentional. "It's a new, visible gateway into the University," Vaughan said. "Before, Main Street was really looking into the back of the

campus, which is no way to reflect your arrival at a major university, the flagship of the state."

The hope, according to Vaughan, is that this new entrance to UVM will give the sense of an open, welcoming campus. It is no coincidence that the Davis Center is set on the top of the hill, overlooking the school—it's made to be an icon for the University.

This, however, gives rise to another popular sentiment amongst students, that the Center is "too big," "cold," and "ugly."

"It's just too big. Enough said," one student stated before marching off.

Whether you love the size of the building, or hate it, you have to respect the work and effort that went into building it Vaughan said.

According to Vaughan, plans for the building emerged six years ago, and followed by a design competition the project started to take form.

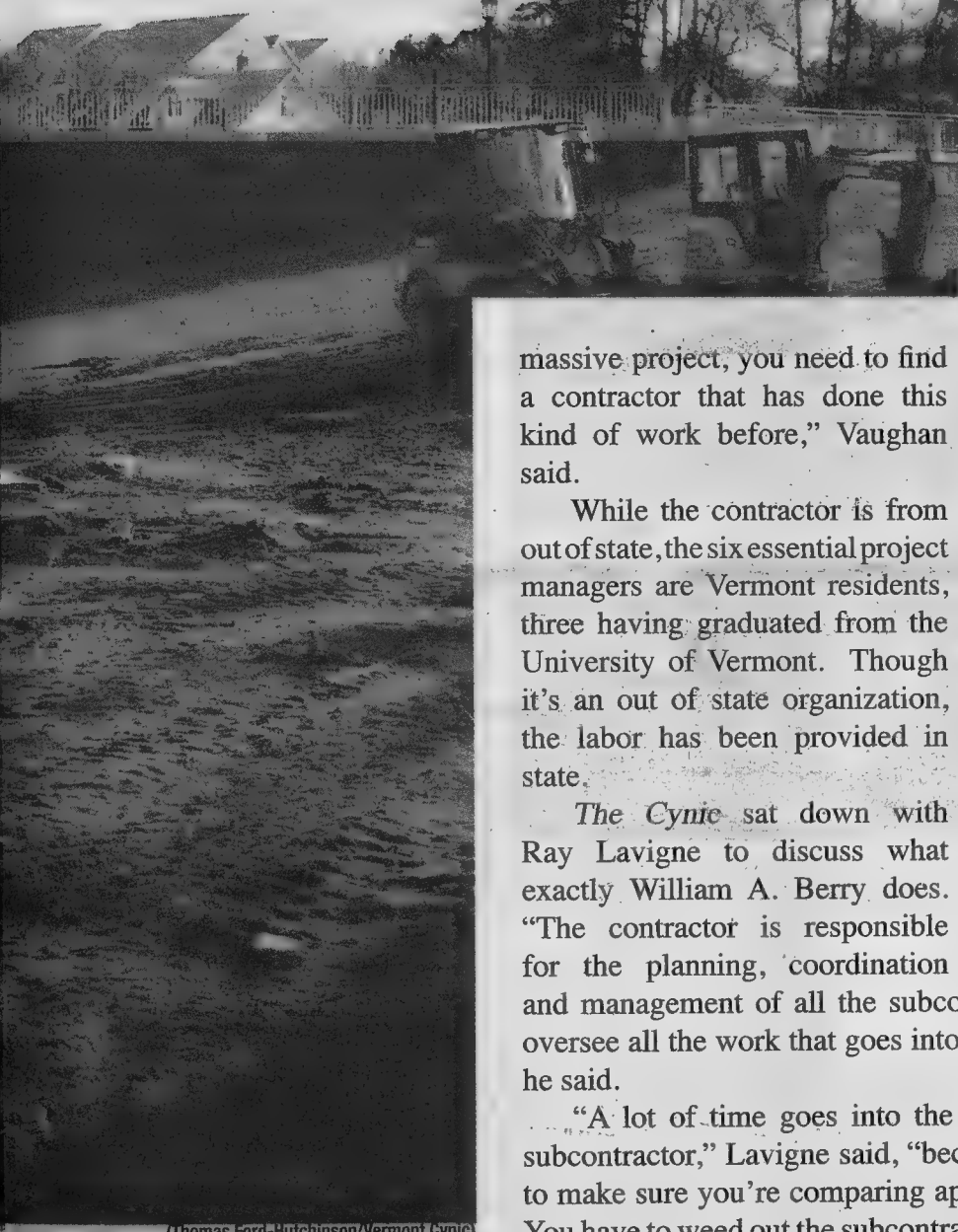
Once the blueprints were drawn, UVM went about hiring the right contractor for the job. The University hired William A. Berry & Son from Massachusetts because, "for such a

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massive project, you need to find a contractor that has done this kind of work before," Vaughan said.

While the contractor is from out of state, the six essential project managers are Vermont residents, three having graduated from the University of Vermont. Though it's an out of state organization, the labor has been provided in state.

The Cynic sat down with Ray Lavigne to discuss what exactly William A. Berry does. "The contractor is responsible for the planning, coordination and management of all the subcontractors. We oversee all the work that goes into construction," he said.

"A lot of time goes into the selection of a subcontractor," Lavigne said, "because you have to make sure you're comparing apples to apples. You have to weed out the subcontractors that can't handle very specialized tasks."

According to William A. Berry, it's a misconception that construction has fallen behind. "The maple in the atrium and ballroom was a change from original plans," Lavigne said. "And on top of that, the University had events going on here before construction was finished, so we've been working around the occupants."

Vaughan was able to confirm that the University is very happy with the contractor, and explained that the delay in completion was "just as much our fault as anybody else's."

"The original August completion date was a rough target, we've been adding things, like maple paneling, and working on the punch list," Vaughan said.

The punch list is a list of minor adjustments and fixes that need to be made, like fixing improperly laid carpet, cracks in the paint,

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and mechanical failure in the building. The contractor is obligated to fix any problem that occurs within the first year, so the University wants it done immediately.

The Cynic was presented with the punch list, a massive stack of paper several hundred pages long. With the number of items on it, it's a surprise that work is close to completion. "We've whittled it down," Lavigne said. "We're getting to the bottom of the list."

When asked if he had any last thoughts for the interview, Vaughan shared that his "only hope is that the students love it. I hope the students are happy, the administration is happy, things are looking good."

When asked if there's a big project coming up next, the answer was, "there's always something next." Right now that something happens to be a new plant science building.

Whether you love it or hate it chances are the Davis Center has something to offer you. Though opinions differ from the positive to the negative in regards to the new Dudley H. Davis Center, it's an impressive facility, a new icon for the University of Vermont, and a hub for student life and activity.



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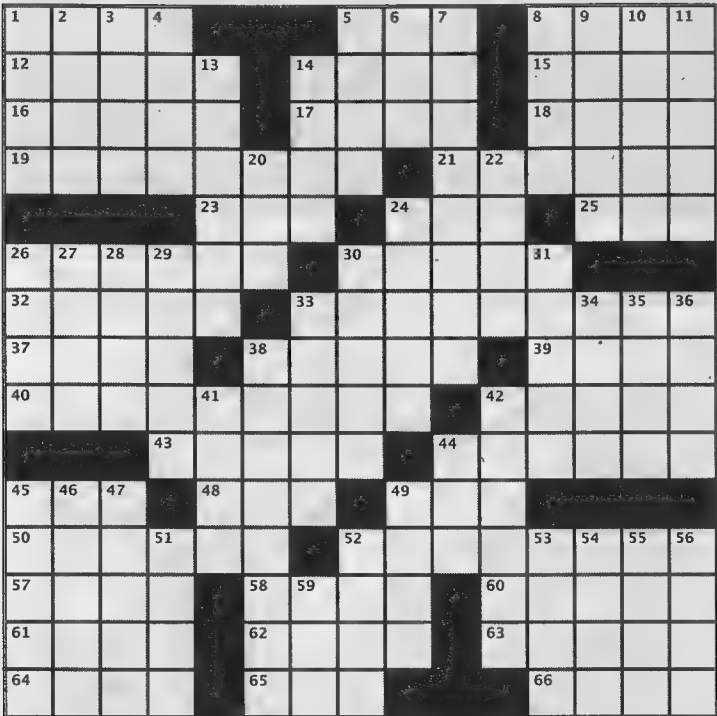
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- 5- Portable bed
- 8- Rotisserie part
- 12- Adjust, modify
- 14- Ripped
- 15- First-class
- 16- Trap
- 17- Weeps
- 18- Staffs
- 19- Grated Italian cheese
- 21- Lighted by twilight
- 23- Evergreen tree
- 24- Paving material
- 25- Express
- 26- Reduce
- 30- Old stringed instruments
- 32- Happen
- 33- Every two months
- 37- Word of comparison
- 38- Defense covering
- 39- Chamber
- 40- Composer of sonnets
- 42- New Zealand aboriginal
- 43- Marshal
- 44- Person who hunts with hawks
- 45- Little guy
- 48- Valued mineral
- 49- Fine hair
- 50- Conceit
- 52- Agreeable
- 57- Supporter
- 58- Vigor
- 60- Walk-on role
- 61- Caribbean dance music
- 62- Narrow path for walkers, cars or

ships

- 63- Extra-terrestrial being
- 64- Pitcher
- 65- The middle of summer?
- 66- Whirlpool

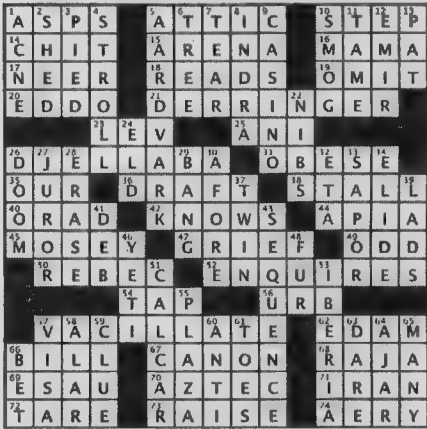
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- 1- Breathe convulsively
- 2- Human bone, located in the arm
- 3- Celestial body
- 4- Division of a school year
- 5- Masked critter
- 6- Globe
- 7- Person who makes a will
- 8- Dress often worn by Hindu women
- 9- Swimming holes
- 10- Gandhi's land
- 11- Irritably impatient
- 13- Marijuana cigarette
- 14- Former Russian ruler
- 20- Transgression
- 22- Small songbird
- 24- Swollen part
- 26- A great deal
- 27- Reflected sound
- 28- Scrutinize
- 29- Traditional portion of Muslim law
- 30- British sailor
- 31- Dry stalks
- 33- Carplike fish
- 34- Captain
- 35- Traditional knowledge
- 36- Primordial giant in Norse myth
- 38- In a trembling state

41- Energy units

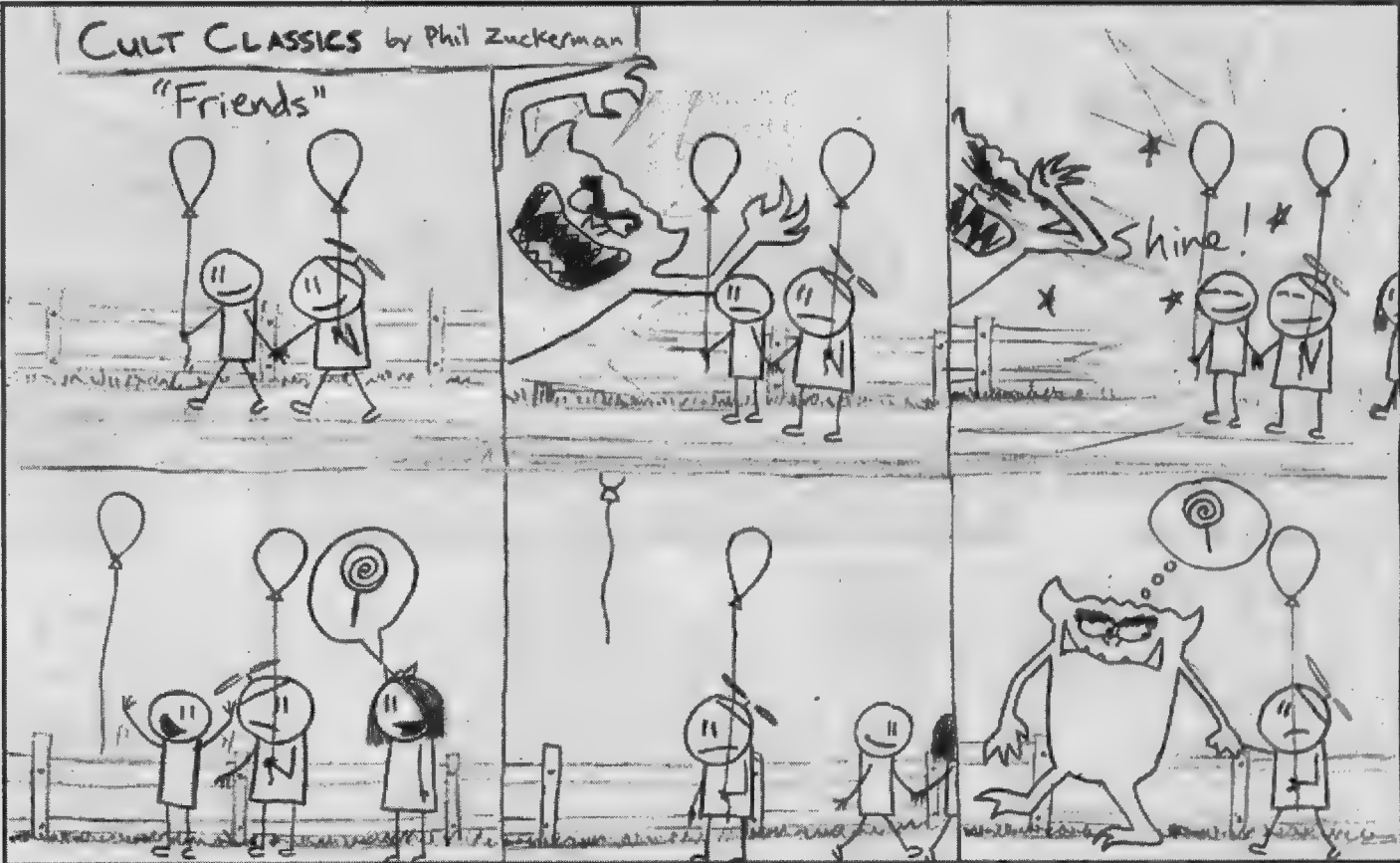
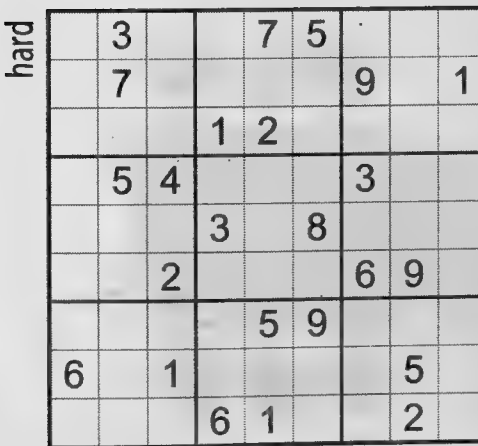
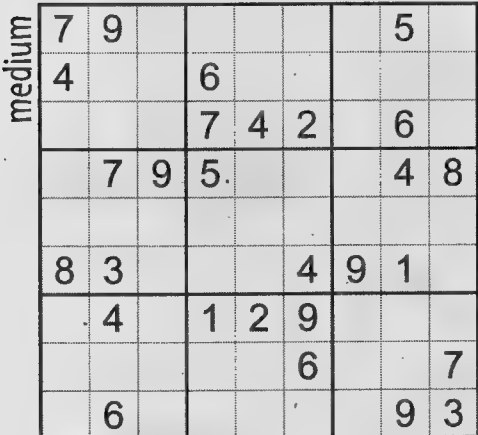
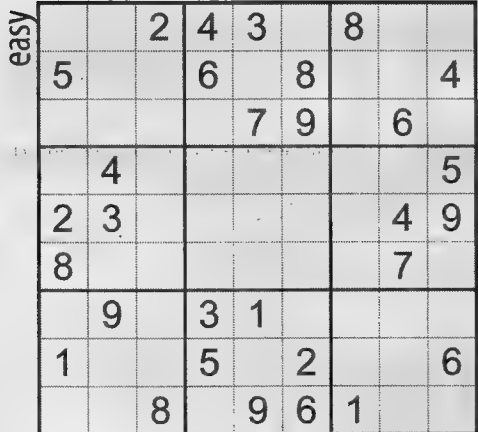
- 42- Gourd-shaped rattle
- 44- Tint
- 45- Flat contract
- 46- Beaming
- 47- Soft
- 49- Floating ice
- 51- 8th month of the Jewish civil calendar
- 52- Fasteners
- 53- Garage event
- 54- Among
- 55- Require
- 56- Swank
- 59- Male sheep

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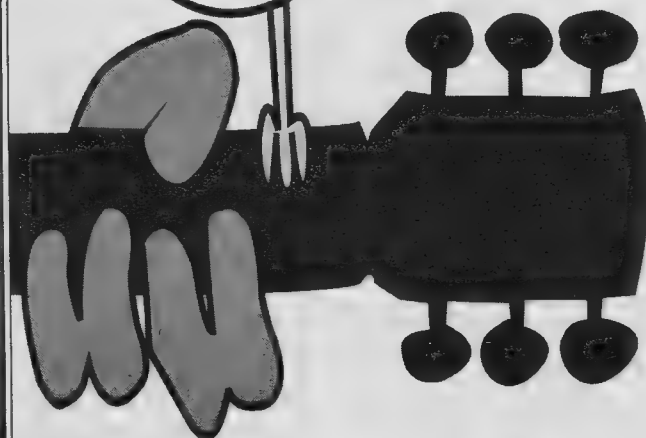
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### Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

#### Bad Week for San Diego

By NICK DECARO

The Chargers have the AFC West gift wrapped for them, with the collapse of Denver and Kansas City, but they can't seem to pull away.

The latest setback came in the form of getting pummeled by Minnesota, surrendering 296 yards rushing to Adrian Peterson, an NFL record.

Last year's solid defense has disappeared and a sputtering offense could cost them.

#### Bad Week for Gilbert Arenas

By KAT WILLIAMS

The Washington Wizard had to have his knee drained for the second time in three weeks, preventing him from practicing for the third day in a row.

He will be playing in the next game against the Nets.

#### Bad Week for Pacman Jones

By IBI TARIQ

After a meeting with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, Adam 'Pacman' Jones was informed that his year-long suspension will not be reduced to a half-season.

Jones has been arrested six times now, and faces an uphill battle to regain any spot on the Titans.

#### Good Week for New Orleans Hornets

By JAKE AHRENS

There are no longer rumors of moving to Oklahoma City for this franchise.

They got off to a fast and effective start, winning their first four games, while their young point guard, Chris Paul, dished out a ridiculous 21 assists in a decisive victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

#### Good Week for Ben Roethlisberger

By MIKE MURPHY

The Steelers beat the Ravens Monday by a score of 38-7. Big Ben completed 13 of 16 passes with five of those completions going for touchdowns.

He left in the third quarter with an injury, but managed to tie the franchise record for touchdowns in a game just in the first half.

#### Good Week for Suspended NFL Players

By JASON BUSHEY

NFL players Tank Johnson, Chris Henry, and Koren Robinson were all reinstated by the league this week.

Johnson and Henry both served eight-week suspensions for off-the-field incidents and will join their teams for their respective week nine match-ups.

Robinson had three catches in the Green Bay win on Sunday.

# View from the Sidelines

## A look at the National Football League brought to you by Ibi Tariq

### NFL Predictions – Week 11

#### GAME OF THE WEEK

**New York Giants at Detroit** — The Packers, Cowboys, Giants and Lions make up the top teams in the NFC.

With the Lions playing New York followed by Green Bay on Thanksgiving, this game has huge implications for the NFC playoff picture.

Look for Jon Kitna to get harassed by the Giants D-Line and Giants WR Plaxico Burress to keep up his career season.

Giants get a big win at Detroit, 30-20



#### BEST OF THE REST

**Cleveland at Baltimore** — The Browns' high-octane offense can put up enough to points to win against almost any team in the league, sorry Baltimore.

Browns beat the Ravens, 34-20

**Tampa Bay at Atlanta** — The Bucs need to play smart and efficient to win this game and state their case to the NFC South. Don't expect them, or QB Jeff Garcia, to falter now.

Buccaneers over Falcons, 22-10

**Kansas City at Indianapolis** — QB Peyton Manning and the Colts' offense are more than able to put up enough points

against the Chiefs and their sputtering attack.

Colts down the Chiefs, 32-17

**Miami at Philadelphia** — Philly QB Donovan McNabb is still capable of leading the Eagles past the hapless Dolphins.

Eagles fly past Dolphins, 24-16

**Oakland at Minnesota** — RB Adrian Peterson runs over the Raiders. Nothing else needs to be said until Jamarcus Russell is under center for Oakland.

Vikings over Raiders, 23-13

**San Diego at Jacksonville** — The Jaguars' record in the competitive AFC South speaks to their strength as a team, which is at least strong enough to beat San Diego.

Jags beat up the Chargers, 31-17

**New Orleans at Houston** — QB Drew Brees and RB Reggie Bush have been on fire in the Saints' surge this season, which will continue.

Saints beat the Texans, 34-20

**Carolina at Green Bay** — The Packers defense has come up big time and time again this year. Look for them to shut down the Panthers attack.

Packers beat the Panthers, 28-16

**Arizona at Cincinnati** — It's been a disappointing season for both teams, but I would like Cardinals head coach Ken Wisenbunt to find some cracks in the

Bengals.

Cardinals over Bengals, 24-20

**Pittsburgh at New York Jets** — The Steelers are the third best team in the AFC right now. The Jets are practically the worst.

Steelers stomp the Jets, 34-14

**Washington at Dallas** — QB Tony Romo and the rest of the Cowboys offense will need to stay awake against a stingy Redskins D.

Cowboys shoot out the Redskins, 31-17

**Chicago at Seattle** — Seahawks ride the 12th Man to victory along with QB Matt Hasselbeck.

Seahawks drop the Bears, 24-13

**St. Louis at San Francisco** — Good news for both teams: the season is now more than half over. Better news for the Rams: they should be able to defeat the disappointing Niners.

Rams over Niners, 28-17

**New England at Buffalo** — If any team could "sneak up" on the Pats, it's the Bills. Problem is, no team sneaks up on the Pats.

Pats trounce the Bills, 42-18

**Tennessee at Denver** — It's not the Broncos year, but somehow the Titans and QB Vince Young keep winning.

Titans thrash the Broncos, 27-13

# FACE OFF

## THE MATCHUP

AUSTIN DANFORTH VS. ZACH PARKER

JUDGING BY NICK DECARO



1. Who is the frontrunner for the Heisman trophy as the college football season winds down?

AD: This is a big crapshoot.

Obviously, plenty of people know my bias by now — but if Mike Hart had not missed two games with an injury, he'd clearly be the choice.

Hart as a player has great numbers and has led his team out of the ruins and back into relevancy.

Others? Tim Tebow: no way — three losses does not deserve the Heisman. Darren McFadden had a great week last week but has disappointed me much of the season.

Dennis Dixon has really impressed me, but my vote goes with Hart: if his numbers matched his effect to date, the decision would be unanimous.

ZP: While I am extremely tempted to lean towards Darren McFadden following his 321 yard rushing performance, I have to go with the name coming out of everyone's mouth: Dennis Dixon.

McFadden is more impressive than any athlete in college football, but his Razorbacks face a tough SEC schedule, and he has to split carries with Felix Jones.

Other than Oregon's loss to Cal, Dixon has led the Ducks to an unblemished record, and they have beaten the Pac-10's best.

With 28 combined TD's and a mere three interceptions, Dixon's all-purpose numbers are out of this world, so give him the Heisman.

2. After a thrilling game against the Colts, can anything stop the Patriots from a date with destiny and an undefeated season?

AD: Any of the following: Avian flu, a syphilis epidemic, Gisele dumping Brady and the ensuing depression/bender, food poisoning, severe paper cuts, banana peels on the practice field, packs of wild dogs, Godzilla, the Sasquatch, amoebic dysentery.

Maybe: an injury to Brady, a horrible accident with the team plane, a premature end to the NFL season.

Not: any NFL team or Roger Goodell.

I don't see them getting beat. Until the playoffs the only two mildly good teams are the Steelers and the Giants. Really, though, the Patriots are the only ones who can beat the Patriots right now.

ZP: Honestly, I don't see any teams remaining on the Patriots' schedule who pose much of a threat to their unbeaten record.

The Colts and the Cowboys are the two best teams the Pats will face all season, and Tom Brady and company beat both squads.

The Colts were only one big play away from beating the Patriots.

If they face the Patriots in snowy conditions during the playoffs, big play threats Randy Moss and Donte Stallworth will be slowed down, giving the Colts a huge opportunity to avenge last weekend's loss.

3. With Joe Torre headed to L.A., can he assemble enough talent to swing the Dodgers back into the spotlight as a contender in the NL?

AD: I hope he can, but I'm not so sure. I would love nothing more — aside from another Red Sox World Series win — than to see Torre win in L.A. to spite Steinbrenner and the Yankees.

They have some young talent but it's going to take a lot more than just Torre and some serious maturing to turn the Dodgers into contenders.

Maybe Torre is the first step in some intelligent wheeling and dealing in the Dodgers' front office.

That's what I'm hoping, anyway. Will it happen? Probably not, but if karma is worth anything, it's on Joe's side right now.

ZP: Not only did the Dodgers bring in the expertise of Joe Torre, but manager-caliber coaches Larry Bowa and Don Mattingly are also headed out West with him.

Los Angeles has great young talent in Andre Ethier, Matt Kemp and Russell Martin. Coupled with the experience of Nomar Garciaparra, Jason Schmidt and Derek Lowe, the Dodgers are poised to make a move in the weak NL West.

The free agent market is weak, but if LA management can pull off a huge trade for either Johan Santana or Miguel Cabrera, they could be the toast of the NL for years to come.

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ZACH 2



# Kouaido faces forward



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)  
Kouaido celebrates after his  
game-winning goal on Nov. 3.

The junior provides a dynamic aspect to the men's soccer team's forward line

By JASON BUSHEY  
Staff Writer

Lee Stephane Kouaido has provided an energetic spark off the bench for the Catamounts this season.

Known for his quickness and shooting accuracy, the junior has an affinity for scoring when it matters most.

No goal proved more important than Kouaido's overtime goal on Nov. 3 against Boston University.

The victory was not only UVM's first against BU since 1989; it was the victory that vaulted the Catamounts to the second seed in the America East Tournament standings.

"BU is a good team; they can frustrate you with double and triple-teams," Kouaido said. "I just didn't give up; I wanted that goal so bad."

Like the double-teams he faced on Saturday, Kouaido

has faced challenges throughout his career at UVM.

An injury ended a phenomenal freshman season prematurely, but with the help of his teammates and coaches, Kouaido refused to let the injury dampen his drive and dedication.

"My teammates were always around to support and push me," Kouaido said. "They motivate me to always do better."

Kouaido rebounded for a successful sophomore year and like the rest of his team, has gotten hot towards the end of the 2007 season.

He holds the distinction of scoring the game-winning goal in two of the Cats' last three games.

The geography major has no plans for post-college life as of yet, rather, he is maintaining his focus on the immediate future: a home play-off game on Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

"We're still in the process of meeting our goals," he said. "We're not done yet and as a team, we're learning and getting better everyday."

## Look out on the slopes UVM's ski team has a promising season in the months ahead

By JAKE AHRENS  
Staff Writer

The UVM ski team is looking to improve on a fifth place finish in last year's NCAA Championships.

The team finished second in every Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) carnival in the 2006-2007 season, behind the national champions, Dartmouth.

The Cats have a strong outlook going into the 2007-2008 season, returning a solid group of both alpine and Nordic skiers.

"With a healthy mixture of under and upperclassmen we look for this year's team to pick up where they left off in the [2006-2007] EISA carnival season," director of skiing Bill Reichelt said.

Seniors Greg Hardy and Zac Brown and reigning EISA Alpine Male Rookie of the Year, sophomore Erik Gilbert, lead the men's alpine team.

Hardy, one of the team's most consistent performers, secured a top-three finish in five out of six carnivals last year.

Brown finished eighth at the NCAA championships in

the alpine slalom event. The NCAA All-American in 2007 earned seven top 10 finishes last season.

On the women's side, the alpine team returns their three strongest skiers: senior Ashley Spina and sophomores Kate Bragg and Kara Crow, a First Team All-East notable in her freshman season.

Each carnival consists of four events; two alpine races, slalom and giant slalom, and two Nordic races, cross-country skiing of differing distances.

The men's Nordic team is returning all but one skier

and is being led by First-Team All-East juniors Anders Folleras and Juergen Uhl. The women's Nordic team will have some big shoes to fill, losing their top two skiers from last year to graduation.

The UVM ski team is distinguished as having a top five finish in the nation every year since 1999.

UVM's five-time national championship program has not grabbed the title since 1994.

The team is faced with high expectations as they open the season on Jan. 11, 2008 in the Bates Carnival at Sunday River in Bethel, Maine.

## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief



## A true juggernaut

The story of the Smith Center football team is like "Hoosiers" on steroids; it's a story that couldn't have a better script, a story so incredible it borders on unbelievable.

This northern Kansas high school (enrollment: 154) is home to a football team that has outscored its

opponents 760-0 in 13 games this season and is riding a 51-game winning streak.

### Most \$\$\$ Award:

Peyton Manning —  
six completions to  
San Diego defenders  
in a 23-21 loss

You may have heard of them a couple of weeks ago when they really grabbed headlines with a 72-point first quarter, a national record.

They ended up winning the game 83-0.

Talk about a fairytale — you just can't write things this amazing. OK, you can, but no one will believe you except your mother.

It's not like the Patriots running up the score (not that it bothers me), where they struggle to move the ball with the backups, but are untouchable with Tom Brady on the field.

According to every article and snippet I've come across, the starters seldom play past the first quarter.

Not only does Smith Center maintain and improve upon leads with the backups in the game, they continue to pound their opponents relentlessly. They haven't allowed anyone to score a single point the entire season.

What I love even more: they run the option — wishbone, baby.

This small-school athletic absurdity reminded me of a basketball team from Bingham, Maine several years back that was just as incredible as the Smith Center football team.

During a multi-year stretch, the Valley High School boy's basketball team won more than 100 games in a row against in-state competition, regardless of division.

As part of this streak, they would play some of the biggest and best schools in Maine.

We're talking a school of roughly 130 students with a basketball team good enough to beat teams from schools with enrollments more than 10 times larger.

The thing was that this tiny school from the north Maine woods fielded a roster with a handful of players over 6'3" and guards that could knock down shots from anywhere.

The team had a cult following. The town would caravan en masse to the state tournament games.


Valley blue would swarm the Augusta Civic Center or the Bangor Auditorium.

I was lucky enough to skip school, drive to Maine and watch with my dad and grandfather as they would just tool on the competition. It was something else.

At the time, I thought this school's story was about as astonishing as anything I would ever hear.

Well, Smith Center may have proven me wrong, but when we get right down to it, amazing is amazing whether you're in the Maine woods or the Kansas prairie.

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## Cats collect

Men's soccer accumulates awards and searches for a trip to the finals

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Managing Editor

The men's soccer team enters their America East semifinal game on Wednesday with a lot of momentum.

Not only have they won their last three games, they are riding the high of being the best defensive team in the league.

After going 3-7 in non-conference games and being outscored 12-6, the Cats turned around the season, going 4-2-2 in league play and shutting out their last five opponents.

The backbone of the defense was rewarded this past week when the All-Conference and Academic All-Conference teams were announced.

Defensemen and co-captains senior Panos Georgiadis

and junior Connor Tobin lead a group of four Catamounts selected to the All-Academic Team.

Junior Jordan Crasilneck and senior Loren Hill joined them to give Vermont the most members on the team for a second straight year.

Tobin and Hill were also rewarded with first team All-Conference selections.

Sophomore T.J. Gore and junior Roger Scully joined Georgiadis on the second team.

This core was instrumental in the Cats' march to the America East's #2 seed and a date with UNH on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Centennial Field for a chance to go to the conference finals.

This game marks the seventh time in the last two seasons that the Catamounts and Wildcats have played in Burlington, including last season's semifinal game, which UVM won 1-0.

The Cats are seeking their seventh trip to the conference finals and ultimately their fourth title, which would be their first since 2000.







## This Week

Tuesday, Nov. 13 – Monday, Nov. 19

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

#### Men's Soccer

vs. #6 New Hampshire  
Centennial Field, 1:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 16

#### Men's Hockey

vs. Boston University  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 17

#### Men's Soccer

@ America East Championship  
TBA, TBA

#### Women's Basketball

vs. Dineen  
Patrick Gym, 12:30 p.m.

#### Men's Hockey

vs. Boston University  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:05 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 18

#### Women's Basketball

vs. NC State or St. John's  
Patrick Gym, TBA

#### Swimming

@ Maine  
Orono, Maine, 12 p.m.

#### Men's Basketball

@ Loyola, Md.  
Baltimore, Md., 5 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 18

#### Cross Country

@ NCAA National Championship  
Terre Haute, Ind., TBA



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)  
Third place winner TJ James showcases his urban snow steeze on Sugarbush's rollercoaster rail.

# Boards over Burlington

St. Paul Street played host to the fifth annual Queen City Rail Jam

(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Second place winner sophomore John Murphy catches some air over the second ridge of the rollercoaster rail. Murphy and James were topped by first place winner in the men's category, Mike Toohey.



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

The women's competition includes a successful run from Leah Sherbloom (above) who placed third behind Tanya Shwin, second, and Colleen Quigley, first.

The bottom of the course plays host to a wallride (right) and a new element, the Burton sphere (background).

One of the premiere regional snowboarding events, the Queen City Sessions marks the start of the snowboarding season.

Hosted by Burton and presented by Sugarbush, the Sessions attract riders spanning the entire East Coast, looking to display their freestyle ability.

Riders and spectators were entertained by a live DJ and free giveaways and awards from sponsors:

- Sugarbush
- SuperParx
- SoBe
- Stowe Mountain Resort
- Bolton Valley
- Mixed Bag Productions
- Lotus Entertainment
- Ardvark Tree Service

Riders were scored first through third places in the women's and men's categories.

The third place finishers received a gift bag, second place riders won a new Burton snowboard and first place finishers walked away with a \$1,000 check.





## UVM Trustees open access to \$100 mil.



(Andre Malerba/ Vermont Cynic)

Provost John Hughes, UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel and Chairman of the Board Carl Lissman at the meeting on Friday, where they discussed the future of the University's debt management.

### Board of Trustees approve a one percent increase in debt ratio

By WILLIAM D. SEDLACK  
News Editor

The University of Vermont's board of trustees met in the Maple Ballroom this past week and jokingly tossed around the idea of a donor's name for the ballroom.

The discussion turned to

donors during a meeting to discuss UVM's debt ratio, a monetary ratio between the amount of money held and the amount of money borrowed against that money held.

According to Jeff Wakefield of University Communications, UVM trustees in the past would use only the money currently held by UVM, refusing to borrow for any projects.

This year, the board voted to increase the ability of UVM to take out around \$260 million in debt over the next nine

years for building projects.

"UVM was simply too small to support its extraordinary complexity," UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel said.

The board had a self imposed a 5 percent debt ratio, something that Fogel and many members of the board including Susan Hudson-Wilson, of Chebeague Island, Me., felt was too low.

"I am strongly in favor of this increase because I trust we know what we are doing,"

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## The story of Lambda Iota

By DANIELLE DIARBAKERLY  
Assistant News Editor

While members of Lambda Iota Fraternity were allegedly distributing large amounts of cocaine, the fraternity has a laundry list of poor behaviors according to Greek Life and UVM standards dating back to 2003 and beyond.

These behaviors include distributing alcohol to minors, distributing alcohol from a "common source" and allegedly distributing date rape drugs at parties.

**Timeline**  
Sept. 2007  
Lambda Iota derecognized for eight years  
Summer 2007  
Visions committee recommends Lambda Iota to be derecognized permanently  
April 2007  
Police execute search warrant at Lambda Iota  
December 2006  
Lambda Iota recruits new members while on interim suspension and are further suspended until the end of Fall 2007  
November 2006  
Chris Duncan and Isaac Goldman allegedly begin selling large amounts of cocaine  
November 2006  
Police investigate three separate "raffie" allegations at Lambda Iota from Sept. to Nov.

Prior to April 27, 2007 (when Police executed a search warrant because members of the fraternity, including then President Chris Duncan, were allegedly selling tens of thousands of dollars in cocaine) the fraternity has been on and off probation.

Lambda Iota had been on and off probation for several years according to documents from the Office of Student Life. Lambda Iota had a reputation for poor behavior said Montana Burns, President of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

In November of 2006, Burlington and UVM Police reported on "several incidents" where females drank only a small amount of alcohol and became unconscious shortly after.

"The female reported having been served a beer at Lambda from a beer can that was poured into a red cup. The female indicated the male serving the beer turned his back to her when it was poured," one incident report stated.

Fraternity brothers told Burlington Police that they turned their backs after pouring beers "simply to place cans into

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## Friars exorcise Cats of unbeaten streak



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore goalie Mike Spillane (31) gets beat through the five-hole by Providence's Jon Rheault in the second period, his second goal of the game and the Friars' fourth. Providence went on to win 4-0. Story, A16.

## Group breaks into dorms to test ResHall security

### SGA committee breaks into ResHalls finding flaws in security

By KRISTANCE HARLOW  
Cynic Correspondent

On Nov. 14, members of the Student Action Committee performed a safety door audit by trying to break into dorms without cards or keys.

According to the 2007-2008 Public Safety Guide, in 2006 there were 82 on-campus burglaries, 49 of which were in residential buildings.

"There's an alarming amount of burglaries and this is all about increasing security for the campus," Josh Mangiagli, vice-chair of the Student Government Association Student Action Committee said.

The door audits were performed campus-wide, focusing on dorms with reported issues. Mangiagli said some dorms had no malfunctioning doors and others had a number of security flaws.

This is the second door audit performed. The results were compiled in the Report on Residence Hall Security. The Student Government Association Senate passed a resolution

in support of the report.

Students received a copy of the resolution by e-mail. The report itself was not made public for security reasons.

According to the resolution, SGA hopes this report will help the administration fix security problems and implement the rule that "residence hall entrances are locked 24/7 and require building specific keys and/or ID cards for access."

Laura Sadlier, the president of the Inter Residence Association, said, "IRA is very happy with the safety

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Are you a fan of Christmas music? Don't miss our countdown of the best and worse this season

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Outing Club leader John Abbot took a pie in the face for Alternative Winter Break

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The Cynic counts down the top five greatest moments in UVM sports history

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# While we were away...



(Ryan Hayward/ Vermont Cynic)

Flags displayed in front of the Davis Center symbolizing soldiers who have died in the war with Iraq.



(Ryan Hayward/ Vermont Cynic)

The boots of passed soldiers fill a table outside of the Davis Center in the display coordinated by Students Against the War.



(Bobby Bruderle/ Vermont Cynic)

Students Maria Parr, Rowan Post and Dan Hedges in the boxes they reserved for Box City on the CBW green the Thursday night before break. Participants of Box City spent a night outside in cardboard boxes to raise awareness of homelessness.





# Admissions expands diversity recruitment

## UVM plans to expand their urban outreach initiatives past partnerships with schools in the Bronx and Manhattan

By JULIA DROST  
Cynic Correspondant

The University of Vermont admissions programs that familiarize high school students from diverse backgrounds with the University will continue to expand urban outreach initiatives in order to bring more diversity to UVM.

Establishing formal partnerships with urban high schools is a win-win situation

for both students at those high schools and for UVM, Interim Dean of Admissions Susan Wertheimer said.

UVM's first partnership with Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx began in the early part of the decade.

According to University Communications, UVM's partnership programs are designed to promote early college awareness, supply counseling to students and families about financial aid, and offer college counseling to students.

"It's the kind of work that a less-busy college counselor would provide and that an urban school just doesn't have the time to do," Wertheimer said.

The program begins for students as early as ninth grade, and by the time they are juniors or seniors, the stu-

dents are brought to Burlington through the help of JetBlue to see UVM, Wertheimer said.

"We invite other students to this program as well, it's not just our partnership students," said Wertheimer.

The goal of these programs for UVM is to increase diversity among the student body.

"In order to diversify the student population at UVM, we have to do more than the traditional recruitment. We have to do a lot more outreach, we have to develop relationships with students over a longer time," Wertheimer said.

In addition to Christopher Columbus High School, UVM also has a formal partnership with the High School for Environmental Studies in Manhattan.

In addition to partnerships in New York City, UVM has a partnership with Burlington High School, Wertheimer said.

"We partner with all Vermont high schools but we have tried to develop a special relationship with our own city and it is one of the more diverse schools in the state.

"We do cast a much wider net than just the partnerships but the partnerships have been a good addition to our overall recruitment efforts. We are going to be increasingly creative, looking at foundations and at scholarship programs," said Wertheimer.

"There are lots of different programs and a lot of good efforts nationally to get students to think about college, and access to college for all students is a big issue. Access doesn't start when a student is a high school senior; we have to reach out earlier," she said.

According to the UVM Sourcebook Web site, the number of multicultural undergraduate students has risen from 419 in the fall of 2001, to

612 in the fall of 2006, yet the number of international students has decreased.

"If you look at the numbers [of multicultural students] over the last 10 years, they have been steadily growing. So we feel like we have had some success, but we don't feel like it's enough," said Wertheimer.

Wertheimer acknowledges that international recruitment is very limited by resources but it is hopefully something that can be increased over time, especially with the new Vice President for Enrollment Management working with the Office of International Education.

"The hope is to continue to increase [multicultural] numbers and to be creative about how we recruit diverse populations. Certainly the goal is not to stop; we are proud of our accomplishments but we know that we have a long way to go," Wertheimer said.

### CLARIFICATION

There are several things that need to be clarified with regards to the Nov. 13 article "Students pass judgment on city landlords."

According to the chair of the Committee on Legislative Action (COLA), the survey upon which the landlord rankings were based was conducted by SGA — begun in 2004-2005 under SGA President Bryant Jones to give students a resource to find good, safe and quality housing — and has been public knowledge since its inception. COLA is sincerely sorry for statistically inaccurate info that was released to *The Cynic* and the public at large. The survey has since been taken down for maintenance and COLA is working to create an improved survey that will support both students and landlords alike.

In the article, it is reported that SGA placed landlord Gene Richards in the bottom 10 landlords. This information was based upon the two surveys completed in 2007 about Mr. Richards that were available at the time — according to COLA this number has since grown to five and Mr. Richards has received A's and B's in most categories. *The Cynic* did not report upon the survey's mechanics or methodology, but rather the results SGA reported to the newspaper.

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## S.T.A.N.D. plans hunger fast for Darfur awareness

### Nobel winner Jody Williams will match money raised by UVM students as they hope to raise awareness of Darfur genocide

By VERA SIMON-NOBES  
Senior Staff Writer

Every day women are the victims of brutal sexual violence when they leave internally displaced persons camps in Sudan to search for firewood for cooking fuel.

Violence broke out in the Darfur region of Sudan in 2003 as rebel military forces gained power, UVM S.T.A.N.D. (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur), a student anti-genocide coalition, said.

According to S.T.A.N.D., 2.5 million people have been forced to flee their homes, and at least 400,000 have been killed.

S.T.A.N.D. is providing UVM students and the greater UVM community with "a remarkable opportunity to contribute" to help stop this genocide, and especially the violence against women, senior Meredith Burak, executive director of UVM S.T.A.N.D., and S.T.A.N.D. International coordinator said.

S.T.A.N.D. and its parent organization, the Genocide Intervention Network, are teaming up for a major fundraising effort, called DarfurFast.

This project urges students and community members to "fast" from one luxury item, such as coffee, chocolate or cigarettes for a day, and donate the money they would have spent to protect civilians in Darfur, Burak said.

DarfurFast begins Wednesday, Dec. 5 and will continue through the end of the semester, Magdalena Jensen, co-director of UVM's S.T.A.N.D. chapter said.

According to Jensen, the money raised will go to the Genocide Intervention Network's Civilian Protection Program.

The "...projects work with the Darfuri community leaders, displaced women and girls, the African Union and the UN to protect people in

**"\$1 will fund the use of a propane kitchen for one internally displaced Darfurian for one day."**

-Meredith Burak,  
Executive Director UVM  
S.T.A.N.D.

camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs)," Burak said.

"The GI-Net's Civilian Protection Program offers safer cooking options by providing alternative-fuel stoves, guarded firewood patrols and income-generating projects for women so that they can afford to buy firewood from the robust firewood market," Burak said.

According to S.T.A.N.D., a little money goes a long way in

Darfur. "One dollar will fund the use of a propane kitchen for one internally displaced Darfurian for one day, \$3 will fund protection for an average of one person through UNAMID firewood patrols, \$80 will help one internally displaced household generate income," Burak said.

Last year UVM S.T.A.N.D. raised \$1,000 of the \$400,000 raised by students throughout the country, S.T.A.N.D.'s press release said.

"I think that was a starting number, and we're hoping to multiple that tenfold this year," Jensen said.

This year there is extra incentive to reach that \$1,000 goal.

"Nobel Peace Prize Winner and UVM alum Jody Williams, as well as Ben & Jerry's co-founder, Jerry Greenfield, have each generously offered to match up to \$1,000 raised by UVM S.T.A.N.D.," Burak said.

"Therefore, raising \$1,000 automatically turns into \$3,000."

S.T.A.N.D. will be tabling in the Davis center this week.

Club Metronome will also hold a benefit concert on Dec. 11 from 9 P.M. to 2 A.M.


Merrill's Roxy Cinema will be showing the film "Darfur Now" and will donate half of the ticket and concession revenues on Dec. 14 and 15 to S.T.A.N.D., Burak said. They will also welcome the director/writer of the film, Ted Braun.

Jensen said that S.T.A.N.D. is "extremely grateful to the UVM community" for the support they have previously offered. However, she said, "we can always hope for more."

### COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

In the Nov. 13 issue, Rily properties was misspelled in the "Students Rate Landlords" article. The correct spelling is Riele. Also in the article, Jill and Mike Diemer, the top-rated Burlington landlords, were omitted from the top 10 landlord graphic.

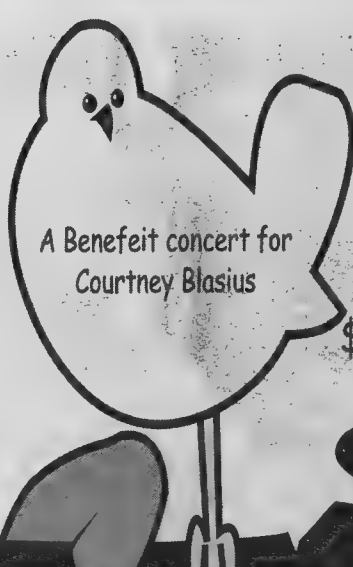
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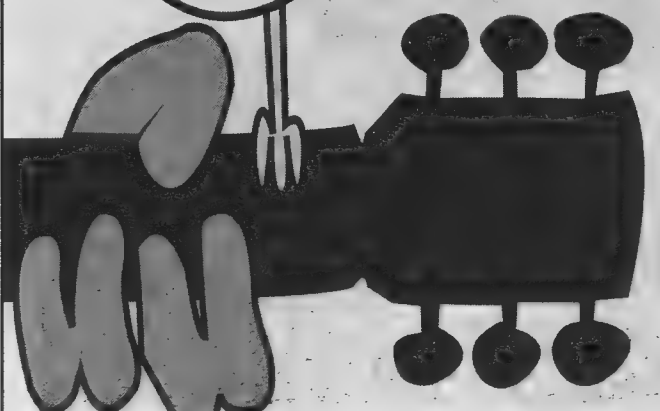


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# UVM plans new plant soil science building

By TOM MORSE

Senior Staff Writer

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will have a new building connecting to the plant biology building.

Construction of the plant science building is set to begin in late spring of next year according to the director of capital Planning and Management, Robert Vaughan.

"We've had the initiative to address the shortfalls in the two departments with CALS ever since I came here," Vaughan said.

"We've been asking for state money as a component of the project costs here every

year for the last five years," Vaughan said, "and it has been the number one priority to consolidate the two departments of plant and soil science and plant biology."

The University's "invest and grow" strategy allowed this to be a reality, Vaughan said, along with money allotted from the state government.

About \$9 million of the more than \$50 million project will come from the state legislature, according to a document from the University's capital planning office.

"Originally the thought was that we were going to renovate Hills," Vaughan said, referring to the agricultural science building on central

campus, but renovation of that building later proved not to be an option.

"Hills Building, which houses a substantial part of plant biology teaching and research, is totally inadequate for modern biology and needs substantial refurbishment or replacement," according to former Provost John Bramley in a document summarizing the steps in the decision to erect the plant science building.

"We did a feasibility study for it, we looked at it every way practical to renovate and add to it in order to accommodate the needs, it's just too small to take over the departments," Vaughan said.

"The idea of the collaboration between the two [departments] is really a program-driver for this project in the first place," he said.

Because of the University's desire to integrate the two departments of plant and soil science and plant biology, the new building will connect directly to the existing greenhouses, Vaughan said.

The new building will be designed and located to provide for physical connections including the transportation of plants and material to the greenhouses currently connected to Stafford Hall, according to a University Web site about upcoming projects.

The building is being de-

signed to attain a LEED silver certification, according to the same Web site, to comply with the University's Environmental Design in New and Renovated Buildings policy.

The first floor of the building will be predominately classrooms, while "the two upper floors contain research laboratory and support space, faculty and student offices and related meeting spaces," according to the University's Strategic Capital Plan.

The project should be completed around March 2010, Vaughan said, and it will be paid for with money from the general fund over a period of 35 years.

## Rubenstein HQ to transform itself into green "living machine"

The project will cost \$250 million and incorporates the ideas of professor John Todd; the building will have an advanced decomposition system

By JULIA DROST

Staff Writer

The Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources continues to pursue renovation of its Aiken headquarters, to make it the country's greenest academic building, according to the Rubenstein School web site.

The greening of Aiken will "help redefine the relationship between building, landscape, and people in a way that demonstrates a pathway to a more sustainable future," according to the project's Web site.

Both faculty and students have contributed to the design of the project by tackling issues such as water and

energy conservation, ecological landscaping, building design, renewable energy sources and LEED Building certification, according to the Web site.

Additionally, the Rubenstein School has created courses related to the project, enabling its students to work with the project architects and planners, taking on aspects such as alternative energy, waste and building monitoring systems.

The idea for the proposed \$250 million initiative has been in the works for some time, however it was not until May 2004 that a design competition was held and the subsequent results awarded the project design concepts to William Maclay Architects and Planners in Waitsfield, according to the Web site.

When expansion and renovation are complete, the Aiken Center will have cutting-edge green features including solar panels, composting toilets, waterless facilities, natural lighting and ventilation, energy neutrality, a thermal regulating pond

cooling system and a year-round greenhouse, according to the Web site.

The idea is to additionally incorporate a "living machine," an invention of Rubenstein School professor John Todd.

The living machine is "an advanced, ecologically engineered wastewater treatment system that mirrors the process of decomposition that occurs in the natural world," according to The View.

The revamped Aiken Center will not only be a forefront nation-wide leader in environmental design initiatives, but it "will also help create a new generation of ecologically literate citizens," according to the Web site.

"The Aiken Center will represent a harbinger of a sustainable future, a 'green beacon' to those on-campus and to those coming into the city of Burlington," according to the Web site.

## Foreign languages to be requisite for Arts and Sciences students in 2008

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO

Staff Writer

Last spring, the College of Arts and Sciences faculty voted to change the distribution requirements for the bachelor of arts degree.

Students entering the program in the fall semester of 2008 will be required to complete two courses in the same language and of appropriate level, instead of only one.

Joel Goldberg, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, explained that students who have taken four years of a given language before college will not be able to fulfill this requirement with level 001 or 002 classes of the same language.

On the other hand, students who are beginning a language for the first time will be permitted to complete these

levels.

Currently, students enrolled in the B.A. program in the College of Arts and Sciences are mandated to satisfy six out of the seven various requirements.

These include fine arts, foreign language, humanities, natural sciences, literature, mathematical sciences and social sciences, according to the 2007-2008 distribution requirements.

In addition to another language requirement, the new students of the B.A. program will have to fulfill all seven of these categories, according to Goldberg.

This change, however, will not affect those already enrolled in the College, and it will not be extended to those pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree.

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# Classes to start after Labor Day next fall

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO  
Staff Writer

Next August, UVM students will be able to enjoy one additional week of summer.

Classes will not begin until the day after Labor Day, Sept. 2, this upcoming academic school year.

According to Provost Gary Derr, there must be a certain number of weeks of class before the end of December each fall semester.

Academic calendars are set years in advance, and the start of the fall semester usually begins one week before the Labor Day holiday, stated Derr.

This upcoming year, Labor Day occurs on Sept. 1, which is the earliest possible day. Because of this, classes will not begin until after August ends.

"The last time this occurred was fall 2003, and that

year we started after Labor Day," said Derr.

The consequences of this change include the endings of the fall and spring semesters nearly a week later than this year's, on Dec. 11 and May 6.

The falls of 2009 and 2010 will not see similar changes; classes will begin days before Labor Day.

There are mixed emotions among students regarding this alteration of the normal calendar for next year.

"I think it's pretty cool because it means I can work longer into the summer," freshman Casey Russell said. "And you can't complain about a longer summer."

On the contrary, some think it is more a hindrance. "If finals end later, there is more of a chance for there to be snow on the ground by the naked bike ride. This will definitely affect the number of participants," sophomore Terra-Nova Sadowski said.

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while pouring beers "simply to place cans into receptacles for redemption/return."

One fraternity brother told police that, "He has heard of rumors of this type of thing happening at Lambda in the past but never heard anything factual. He indicated the rumors seemed to reference behavior from many years before. He indicated he was not familiar with any females passing out at the residence."

"He was aware Lambda Iota had a 'reputation' for being a 'roofie' house," police said of another fraternity brother.

"I didn't really know that that had happened obviously, I don't really know what to say about that," Kim Monteaux, the adviser of Greek life said.

However, in a timeline produced by Kim Monteaux, she indicated the exact date of the allegations stating "Greek Judicial Board sent letter to Lambda Iota concerning risk management and alcohol policies being broken."

While there was at least three reported incidents of females become unconscious shortly after being at a party at Lambda Iota's House, based on "insufficient evidence" Lambda Iota was cleared of the charges, according to a letter from DeMethra Le-ShaBradley, a Hearing Officer at UVM.

Lambda Iota was found guilty of distributing alcohol from a "common source" and serving alcohol to minors, according to the letter.

Because of these violations, Lambda Iota was "separated" from the University. The fraternity was prohibited from recruiting new members and holding any chapter activities the letter stated.

Prior to these allegations, the then president of Lambda Iota met with David Nestor, the Dean of Students to discuss Lambda Iota on April 5, 2005.

In the spring of 2005, Lambda had several alcohol violations and was put on social probation.

Two members also assaulted a police officer in March 2005, according to the timeline produced by Monteaux.

Nestor discussed Lambda Iota's image with the president, according to a letter written by Nestor.

The letter stated, "you and (name removed to protect privacy) both voiced your frustrations with that image. Your image won't change by doing nothing. You must engage in some meaningful activities that contribute to the development of a healthier community. We discussed gender violence as a particular issue."

However, in early December, Lambda Iota initiated six new members, which was a

violation of their suspension, according to the timeline.

On Oct. 10, 2006, the Cynic ran a feature about a party at Lambda Iota Fraternity, the president admitted to "the Greek Adviser" that he had a 'personal' keg in the Lambda Iota House.

Lambda Iota also had a series of complaints regarding a mattress on their roof that was "not removed despite repeated calls to members and announcements at Interfraternity Council (IFC)," stated Monteaux's timeline.

The fraternity was further suspended until the end of the fall 2007 semester because of these violations in addition to their alcohol violations, stated a letter written by Lacreteria Johnson, the Assistant Dean for Conduct, Policy and Climate.

On April 27, 2007, after the police executed a search warrant to search the Lambda Iota Fraternity House of 440 Pearl St., Pat Brown immediately

**"They were always trouble — nice guys, just trouble. They lived an "Animal House" style fraternity life — as we've seen time and time again, that type of fraternity lifestyle is terminal."**

-John Rawley  
The Sigma Phi Society

sent the Lambda Iota Executive Officers a letter stating "We are taking this action because an initial investigation has yielded evidence of a possible University policy and State law violation involving your chapter and some of its members."

He was aware that the investigation had to do with drugs, Brown said.

The Visions Committee, who meets annually, discussed the future of Lambda Iota during the summer of 2007. They voted to recommend to Pat Brown that the University permanently derecognize Lambda Iota, Brown said.

Brown is responsible for making the final decision decided to derecognize the fraternity permanently.

Scott Hallock, Chairman of the Board of Governors of The Lambda Iota Fraternity, appealed the decision.

Hallock was unable to comment at the time of publication.

Tom Gustafson, Vice President of Student and Campus Life reduced the decision to a de-recognition period to 8 years, according to a letter written by Tom Gustafson.

Burns said Lambda was "that chronic weak link."

Kim Monteaux said "My physical immediate response was thinking about these men who are fantastic whether they are collegiate or alum because they have some wonderful alum as well and then after that my response was to make sure that if there was anything we were supposed to be doing, we were doing, at the Office of Student and Greek Life."

"Whether you go Greek or not things with alcohol unfortunately and really, really unfortunately with drugs do occur and I think sadly Lambda had kind of separated themselves from the Greek community a while ago."

"They did not participate with much, when there were those few moments they were allowed to," Monteaux said "they did not participate in Greek Week or Greek Games."

Monteaux said that she did not suspect that Chris Duncan or Issac Goldman were involved in any kind of drug dealing.

"He did not seem to me to be extraordinary," Monteaux said about Chris Duncan, "I did not think there were any big red flags."

Monteaux met with Issac Goldman weekly because he was a representative on the Interfraternity Council, Monteaux said.

"I remember after Lambda had been put back, on something, Issac was still on IFC and when you are descended you can't send people to IFC anymore because it is only for people who are in good standing" Monteaux said "And I remember having to take him out in the hallway and be like you can't be here and this is why."

"It kind of like broke my heart because you know it is one individual and I remember we let him stay for the rest of the meeting because we didn't want to embarrass him."

"I always thought he was really nice and I was actually really shocked that he was named in all this," Monteaux said.

Monteaux admitted that she had to "lie" to her students for months about Lambda's situation.

Detective Andrew Frisbie of the Burlington Police Department said that he could not say what will happen to Bent Cardan, Chris Duncan and Issac Goldman—the three former UVM students who were allegedly responsible for selling large amounts of cocaine.

No court day has been set yet.

"They were always trouble - nice guys, just trouble. They lived an "Animal House" style fraternity life - as we've seen time and time again, that type of fraternity lifestyle is terminal," Sigma Phi Society member, John Rawley said.

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this increase because I trust we know what we are doing," Hudson-Wilson said.

According to the Budget, Finance and Investment Committee briefing book, the proposition in front of the board, supported by Fogel and Board chair Carl Lisman was a move to increase the debt ratio limit by one percent, giving UVM access to \$100 million more in available capital to continue projects.

"I am deeply afraid if we don't do it, the downside is truly tragic," Hudson-Wilson said.

Other trustees were altogether convinced of the need for a 6 percent debt ratio.

"I am really wondering if we need to open the spigot to 6 percent and maybe in 3 or more years open it to 5 and a half percent and see where we are with competition and priorities," trustee Edwin Amidon of Charlotte, Vt. said.

Amidon went on to say that he felt that some of Fogel's recommended projects are really just "bells and whistles" and did not really have an affect on UVM's competitive status or need for deferred maintenance.

Deferred maintenance is one of the primary focuses of Fogel's plan for the UVM community.

"If we do not address maintenance our competitive stature will be severely undermined," Fogel said. "We have to meet basic standards."

According to Fogel, one

of the tenets of his plan is an increase in non-debt revenue to fund an increasing amount of projects.

"I believe the next campaign will be significantly larger than the one before," Fogel said referring to the recently completed campaign that raised \$278 million.

Some of the trustees in the Budget, Finance and Investment committee had questions about the logistics of Fogel's plan.

"We have to hold your feet to the fire, we need real money," trustee Robert Young of Rutland, Vt. said in question-

**"We have to hold your feet to the fire, we need real money."**

-Robert Young  
Trustee, Rutland, Vt.

ing Fogel's non-debt revenue plan for capital funding.

Fogel interjected, noting the Billings renovation project had received \$3 million dollars from millionaire Luddy Miller for the Holocaust studies collection as an example of real money received by UVM for projects.

At the end of the meeting, the board voted strongly in favor of raising the debt ratio with the sole voice of dissent coming from trustee John Snow of Charlotte, Vt.

Snow did not see the raise in debt ratio to be appropriate, and felt the 5 percent limit provided discipline to spending.

## SECURITY

continued from cover

that there are flaws and it's good that they're working on it."

The administration's response has been positive, according to Mangiagli, "After the first audit the administration fixed a lot of the reported problems. This is sort of round two, we heard about security issues in dorms and tested them out to see where the problems were."

The Physical Plant has worked closely with the Committee to fix broken doors and malfunctioning key swipes. Students can report problems to the Physical Plant by filling out a "Fix-It!" on the Residential Life web page.

"Originally there was a concern that some doors may be a manufactured defect, so [the Physical Plant] are going to research that on all these doors," Mangiagli said.

IRA hopes to see these audits continue, Sadlier added, "the audits are doing some-

thing positive and student safety should be the number one concern of the majority of the University."

The audits are the first step in a process that the Student Action Committee hopes will lead to dealing with other security issues, Mangiagli said.

Ultimately they hope to prevent tailgating, which is when someone enters a dorm behind another person without card access.

"We want to make sure that non-affiliates aren't able to get into dorms. While students

are an issue, it could be argued that people who aren't a part of the campus are a bigger issue," Mangiagli said.

Educating students is seen as the most viable way to stop tailgating, according to Mangiagli.

"We want to inform students and make them aware. They think they're being nice and doing the right thing by holding the door open for someone, but that can often lead to people breaking into rooms," he said.

Mangiagli said he encour-

ages student participation and hopes students will offer input on dorm security to the Student Action Committee.

IRA said this will affect students in a positive way by improving campus-wide security. Sadlier said, "A lot of what IRA's been doing this year is geared towards student safety, it's great that other people are noticing and being pro-active. Things are really being accomplished."



# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## National

### Congressional heavy-weight dead at 83

Anti-abortion champion Henry Hyde, 83, died last Wednesday. Hyde was a former Illinois congressman and led the movement to impeach President Clinton in the early 1990s.

### Supremes hear another Gitmo case

The Supreme Court will hear another Guantanamo Bay case. Again, this case will deal with the habeas corpus rights of detainees. In the past two decisions, the court has ruled against the Bush administration.

### Congress legislates fuel efficiency

The House and Senate came to an agreement on a fuel efficiency bill. The bill would require all trucks and cars to have 35 miles per gallon by 2020. The future of the bill is uncertain as it may be subjected to a veto by President Bush.

### American legend dead at 69

Daredevil Evel Kneivel died Friday at the age of 69. Kneivel became engrained in the mind of America riding his custom made Harley-Davidson. Kneivel is often remembered for his failed attempt to jump Snake River canyon in a rocket.

### U.S. denied access to Hong Kong

The Chinese government denied the USS Reuben James access to a port in Hong Kong. This is the third US ship denied access to Hong Kong in the past month.

### Giuliani denies cooking the books

Republican presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani has denied that he used his position as Mayor of New York City to manipulate books across the city to hide his extramarital affair. Accusations have been made that Giuliani billed items to obscure agencies.

### Spears pregenant again. Really? Come on.

Reports state that Britney Spears is pregnant with a third child. The mother of two has been getting ultrasounds. She allegedly stated in e-mails that she is "excited" about the pregnancy.

### Hostages held in N.H. Clinton HQ

A man claiming to have a bomb strapped on his own body multiple Clinton campaign workers hostage at Hillary Clinton's New Hampshire headquarters. Both Hillary and Bill Clinton canceled their schedule for the day. The man eventually left the office and was handcuffed by SWAT officers.

### Police turn blind eye to kiddie porn in Atlanta

The husband of an Atlanta cop, Terrill Marion Crane was arrested for paying young girls to be photographed in sexual acts. The police have been aware of the acts and had even seen the photographs but there has been no further investigation or charges.

### Beauty beats pepper spray

Contestants tried to sabotage Ms. Universe hopeful Ingrid Marie Rivera by putting pepper spray in her clothing and makeup during the Miss Puerto Rico pageant. After winning the competition, Rivera needed to be iced down.

## International

### Middle East leaders move to discuss Palestinian statehood

Israeli and Palestinian representatives, announced they were close to entering discussions on the possibility of Palestinian statehood. The statement came during a Middle East peace conference held in Annapolis, Md. The first meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12, 2007.

### Putin's party poised win big in Parliament

The United Russia party was called an early landslide winner in Russia's parliamentary elections. Analysts are expecting Putin to be the next prime minister.

### New strain of ebola in Uganda

Doctors blame a new strain of ebola for the death of 16 people in Uganda. The disease, which was discovered in Sudan 30 years ago, spreads quickly and kills most of the people it infects.

### Mysterious plane crash in Turkey

Fifty-six passengers died in a plane crash in Turkey. Many are suspicious about the cause of the crash due to the irregular travel route.

### Sudanese call for execution of British teacher

British teacher, Gillian Gibbons, 54, was sentenced to 15 days in prison in Sudan for naming a teddy bear "Mohammed." Protesters are calling for her execution.

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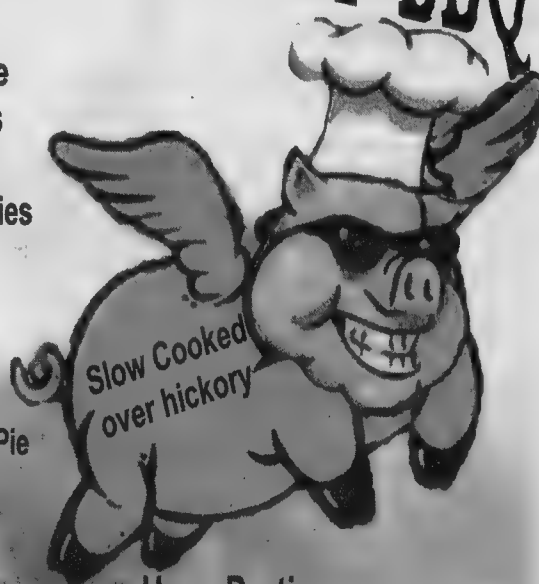
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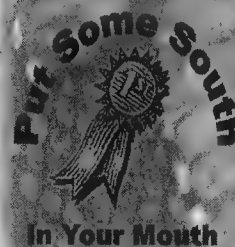
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## Money well spent

According to ABC News and others, our misadventure in Iraq and Afghanistan is now expected to total somewhere around \$1.6 trillion. To put that into perspective, that comes to about \$20,900 per family in the United States.

All the while our troops have enraged huge segments of the world by their mere presence in the region, committed atrocities like those at Abu Ghraib prison, devoured countless gallons of oil and caused the deaths of, by some estimates, 600,000 Iraqi civilians, while displacing millions of others.

It seems that money could have been better spent.

The cost of installing six solar panels on the roof of a home comes to about \$20,000. In other words, America could have used that money to provide free, sustainable, low-maintenance electricity for every family in the country.

But there are numerous secondary benefits of this. Spending the money in this way would have reduced our dependence upon foreign oil, dramatically cut emissions of greenhouse gases, and reduced the spending needs of all Americans through smaller month-

ly electricity bills.

With an established array of solar-cell manufacturers within the nation, the money could have remained within the borders of the United States, encouraging industry at home. America could have become the dominant force in a market that is quickly gaining popularity all over the globe.

It would have created numerous jobs for engineers, electricians, carpenters, entrepreneurs of all sorts and manufacturers in plants churning out vast numbers of solar cells, distributing wealth throughout society, while encouraging a productive and lively citizenry.

Outfitting every home with solar electricity would have capitalized upon the vast reservoir of goodwill directed toward America after 9/11, strengthening our worldwide image as a peaceful, and progressive democracy. This would have made other countries more receptive to American interests and influence, all the while reducing the stranglehold that oil producing nations have over our country.

Fed back into the grid, that solar electricity could have been used to break water into hydrogen and oxygen, providing a clean, bountiful fuel

for vehicles which run quietly upon electrical power, and which emit pure water as its only waste.

And the money could have been put into the pockets of Americans through reduced expenditure on electricity and growing industry could have offset the need for George Bush's dubious tax cuts, meaning a smaller national debt, stronger dollar and less susceptibility to the whims of nations like China, which hold huge reserves of American dollars that could be dumped at a moment's notice.

Instead, that money has gone into the pockets of corporations like Blackwater and Halliburton.

It has been fired out of the barrels of guns, exploded in city streets and been consumed in the bellies of tanks, planes, ships and other terrible instruments of war. It has collapsed governments, and it has destroyed lives.

It has been transmuted into one of the greatest destructive forces ever visited upon the globe.

There are countless acts of good that our government could be spending the money they extract from our pockets on. Yet time after time it chooses war.

Need we say anything more?

## Parlez vous?

to refute this would be ignorant.

Study of a foreign language absolutely helps to create a more rounded and cultured individual. This study provides a mode of learning that is incredibly useful while at the same time straying from the ways we find ourselves being educated in other disciplines.

And, in an ironic twist to which we feel many can attest, studying other languages can and does teach us even more about our own native tongue.

So, the case for this new requirement is laden with positives, but ...

We are keenly aware of the many faults with this move, not the slightest among them being the simple fact that many people struggle with foreign languages — some people are naturals when it comes to picking up a new language, but for some it's nothing short of torture.

In this, we believe the changing requirement may be most difficult to palate.

The existing system — fulfilling six of seven requirements — allows for an admission of weakness while still requiring a rounded curriculum.

For those whose goal is to achieve honors recognition, fulfilling all seven requirements is more than fair. It is an academic exercise that is truly laudable.

Understanding the implications of this move for our fellow students, it is hard to come down upon either side of the issue.

While we hope this plays out positively, we sincerely hope this is not a closed case; should students suffer under these new constraints, a revision to this new policy should be explored.



Jeremy Spiro-Winn

## Of stars and stripes

This is a story about a famous flag; one that has flown, in one form or another, for something like 200 years.



It is instantly recognizable wherever it is raised — on every continent, in every region, in every city in whole world.

And to everyone who sees it, it means something. That's not to say that it has a clear or a fixed message, but that when you see it your eyes don't resolve it as a mere collection of colored stripes and white stars: it carries a message as effectively as any word written on this page.

It doesn't mean one thing, it means *something*.

And for a growing number, that something is hatred.

But there was a time some years ago when that meaning was very different and more clear. In simple terms it stood for liberty, democracy and

peace, but more than that, it was a complicated expression of an ideal of what things good government and good people do.

It was welcomed because the people who flew it had done many great things: they helped push the Nazis out of Europe, established organizations like the Peace Corps, and brought the ideals of democracy and liberty to the modern world.

And they welcomed, with open arms, "the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

That flag represented a constitution which guaranteed certain rights to its citizens, and proclaimed those same rights as the property of all men no matter their nation. It represented an ideal of respect for all men and women and cultures.

Today, the people of that same country are inheriting a much different legacy. They are becoming known as tyrants, imperialists and enemies of liberty.

They fear and turn away those who come seeking the same opportunity and freedom that enticed their forefathers to risk life and limb to come to this land.

That flag is being carried into battle, not over the forces of so-called virtue and free-

**It is no longer a symbol, but an ever-cheaper commodity. It is a lapel pin. It is a colorful backdrop for a cable news broadcast.**

dom, but above the heads of the invading army.

It is being flown above prisons where "enemy combatants" are tortured, held without trial and denied basic human rights. And it is being touted as a justification for countless acts of evil.

That country has forgotten

something.

Its forgotten that that flag was not beautiful because of some sort of self-evident virtue of its design. The reverence paid to it wasn't woven of cloth, but of an uncompromising commitment to good.

It is, or was, beautiful because it represented certain unwavering ideals and because those who raised it practiced those ideals. But that has been lost.

Today, it is affixed to things which run contrary to the things for which it once stood. It is no longer a symbol, but an ever-cheaper commodity. It is a lapel pin. It is an accessory for a car. It is a colorful backdrop for a cable news broadcast.

It is being held up by men who do not commit themselves to the things for which it once stood, but who are of the opinion that the flag is in-and-of-itself important.

But a flag never does the things for which a nation's people are proud, and by

which other nations, for better or worse, judge them: A flag does not spread democracy or freedom; It does not help those in need; It does not convene a legislative body and make laws.

In other words, a flag is not something to defend. But its principles, or rather those that it stand for, are.

The principles of the American flag can be found in such things as liberty, equality, fraternity, and peace.

They are found in the mindset that there are rights which belong to all men by virtue of their humanity, and which cannot be stolen in the name of safety.

Those who raise the flag in justification of torture, encroachment upon privacy, and the destruction of freedom in the name of defense betray the meaning that lies hidden behind the stars and stripes, and for which this country exists to protect.

They do not deserve to wave that flag.

Julia Gabriel Michel

## Of eggnog, Wiis and tradition

The holidays are a time of eggnog, family, snowflakes and \$70 Wii systems from Circuit City.



We get to see old friends, share old laughs and get into that same old fight about who's going to make the gravy for Christmas dinner. We seek tradition — be it the those heinous tree ornaments your family insists on hanging every year, the embarrassingly large Jesus manger your dad sets up

for all the neighbors to see, or the same knitted sweater your grandmother gives you every year in a different color.

Tradition is everywhere around the holidays. But the holidays should be a time of looking forward as much as looking back.

And it's not about Christmas, or Hannukah, or Kwanzaa, or Chrismahakwanzika, or whatever politically correct term that airhead OC character coined.

To look forward to the coming year, some of us attempt to set New Years resolutions for

ourselves. Some stick; the majority don't.

What if this year, instead of promising to never eat another carb, we all promised to be better. To improve the world around us. To literally get up, stand up, fight for our rights, clear the skies, end war, end social inequality, educate the masses and provide clean water to everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

Sure, those of you non-hippies will shake your heads.

But really, what if the entire world promised to be better? Or what if just you did?

We all know that every long journey starts with a single step. And that being "better" is hard — what does "better" even mean? Better than my roommate, better than other people, better than a really bad person? Better at what?

It's clear that the term "better" means something different for every person. I'd challenge everyone reading this article to define what being "better" means to them, and then to act on it.

And at least to me, it's also clear that being "better" doesn't mean physically feed-

ing every hungry child or putting a roof over every homeless person. I mean, organize a nude protest in favor of a liveable wage if that's your thing; if not, maybe shortening your shower time or volunteering for a few hours at a retirement home is more appealing.

My guess? If we all pledge to be "better" — even if in some really small way — that we can tackle current global problems. You see, besides tradition and Wiis and eggnog, the holidays are about faith.

## Letters to the Editor

### Liberalism gone wrong

This is in light of the recent ROTC article published in the November 13, 2007 Cynic issue.

I am deeply concerned to read that our fellow classmates, who have chosen to take a path in serving our country, are being discriminated against on our campus.

The article quotes a senior military instructor saying "[Some cadets] can't study, they don't feel like they can go back to their rooms until late." I am completely shocked by this quote and very disheartened.

Being a senior at the University of Vermont, I have seen many changes, some good and some bad. I have become increasingly concerned about the behavior of some members of our student body.

I continuously hear of discriminatory acts against faculty, staff, students and community members by our fellow UVM students. When did UVM become a place of fear and hatred?

When I walked into this school four years ago, I remember falling in love with the beauty and peace of such a uniquely wonderful place.

I come from a very conservative background where

manufacturing and money hold more importance than the beauty of the land.

I have learned that what we take for granted, we must cherish. How lucky we are to wake up every morning to such a beautiful part of the country. But I see a dark cloud fall over the community when hateful, prejudice acts are initiated on our campus.

I came into this school as a right-wing conservative and, yes to my parent's dismay, I will be walking out as a left-wing liberal, but I hate how this word has become tainted.

To be a liberal does not mean acting out in an irrational manner, and I'm afraid to say it appears that is what my fellow classmates are doing.

Discrimination and bigotry are inappropriate in all forms, and these actions reflect poorly on the community and the University as a whole.

To make change, you must be the change you see fit.

Lashing out against others who choose to serve your country, even though it may be for a cause you don't respect, is out of line.

Put yourselves in the

shoes of our fellow ROTC members, they themselves may not agree on the war in Iraq, or other disputes our country faces.

But what they do believe is serving our country the best they can. They are not succumbing to hatred acts of prejudice, but are choosing another path less chosen, a path that is by all means a difficult one.

Without the support of these young men and women, we could be living in a very different world.

So I ask you, as the world moves on let's keep moving with it. Let's be the leaders we need to see. I believe UVM and the state of Vermont are at the forefront of a changing world, and there are few that realize or want to accept these changes.

As my class graduates and moves on to other things, I hope our legacy will be left in the hands of motivated, upstanding students who fight for justice in the world, but choose to do this with the utmost respect and dignity.

Respectfully,  
Elizabeth Mazer  
Chair, SGA Public Relations  
Class of 2008

### Handicapped at UVM

After recently being temporarily handicapped due to a sports related injury, I have been both shocked and appalled by the lack of handicap accessibility on this campus.

The University of Vermont campus is very spread out which is beautiful for those who can walk. But, for everyone else it poses restrictions. The recent construction only adds to this problem. It seems as if these new routes weren't made with any consideration for those with disabilities.

There are buses, of course, but they are almost always packed full of people capable of walking, and when the bus is too full, it bypasses stops. Signs are posted saying that people with disabilities have the priority seating, but not if the bus doesn't even stop for you.

Another issue is the lack of handicapped parking. There is a clear lack of well-placed parking spots on campus. For example, the two handicapped spots between Williams and Lafayette are almost always occupied by 8 a.m. The new spots by the library are another issue. Recently, all of the signs had been knocked down and none of the spots were left for those who actually needed them.

Even getting through the entrances of many buildings on campus poses difficulty. Very few doors are handicap acces-

sible such as Angel, Cook, Patrick Gym and even the entrance to the Student Health Center. These are only the exterior doors, once inside the buildings there are many other doors with small frames and small steps.

In addition, almost all of the bathroom doors on campus have the blue sticker indicating that there is a larger stall for handicapped people. But, the entrance door to the bathroom is not automatic. There may be a larger stall, but there is no way to get into the bathroom to use it.

I am only temporarily handicapped, but I have already been faced with too many injustices to count. If I were handicapped for the rest of my life, I would not be able to stay enrolled here.

This University is losing prospective students and possibly currently enrolled students, as well as diversity on this campus. If this University wishes to continue to compete with the big-name schools, something needs to be done.

The goals for this University and the actions taken to reach these goals need to be reconsidered to include those who are handicapped or have other physical disabilities.

Respectfully,  
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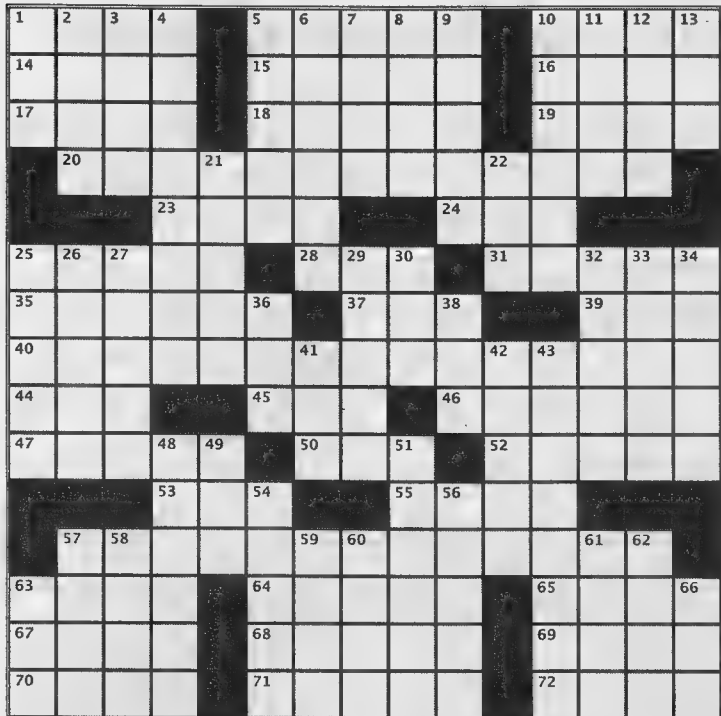


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### ACROSS

- 1- Bring into existence
- 5- Religious offshoots
- 10- Apex, pinnacle
- 14- 16th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 15- Wedge
- 16- Smoke deposit
- 17- Latvian, e.g.
- 18- Electromagnetic telecommunication
- 19- Rider's command
- 20- Goose flesh
- 23- Intentions
- 24- Sailor
- 25- Inanimate object
- 28- Consume
- 31- Utter joy
- 35- Ill will
- 37- Dracula form
- 39- Posed
- 40- Informally
- 44- Former coin of France
- 45- Bit
- 46- Offhand
- 47- Wearies
- 50- Domestic animal
- 52- Kid leather
- 53- Henpeck
- 55- One who has something coming?
- 57- Of large scope
- 63- Record with a VCR
- 64- Writer of lyric poetry
- 65- Sworn thing
- 67- Responsibility
- 68- Mammary gland in cows
- 69- Forearm bone

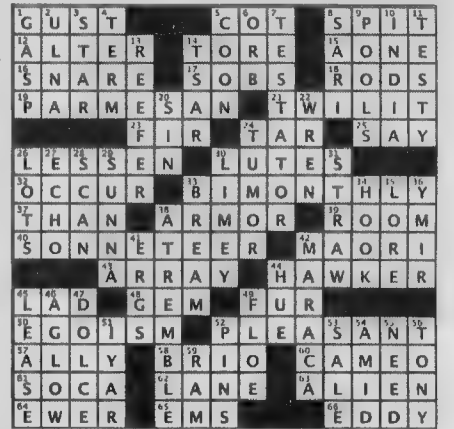
- 70- Morse element
- 71- Flowery verse
- 72- Show to a table

### DOWN

- 1- Fairy queen
- 2- Indian nursemaid
- 3- Thousand: prefix
- 4- Doorway
- 5- Curtain fabric
- 6- Pass by
- 7- Basic monetary unit of Ghana
- 8- Hindmost part of an animal
- 9- European ermine
- 10- Moving around
- 11- Silver salmon
- 12- Earth's satellite
- 13- JFK posting
- 21- Strictness
- 22- Decorative flap on a garment
- 25- Confidence
- 26- Capital of Vietnam
- 27- Become liable for
- 29- Residence
- 30- Convert into leather
- 32- Point in question
- 33- Dish of raw vegetables
- 34- Genre
- 36- Not emp.
- 38- Involuntary muscular contraction
- 41- Chart
- 42- Fertile area in a desert
- 43- Practicing usury
- 48- Tangle up

- 49- Tree syrup
- 51- Academic themes
- 54- Small assemblage
- 56- Diary bit
- 57- Scene of first miracle
- 58- Literary work
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- 66- Covering for the head

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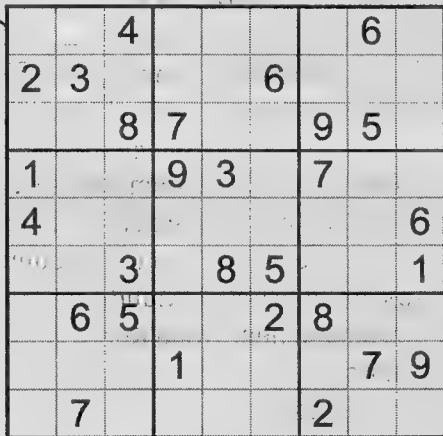


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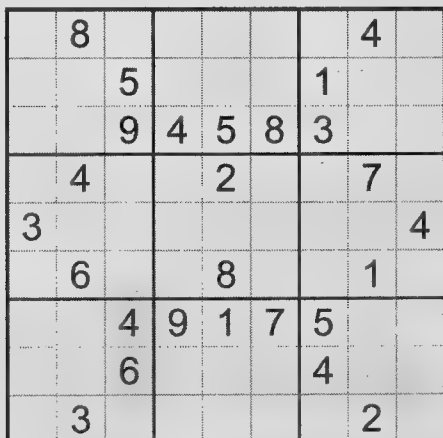
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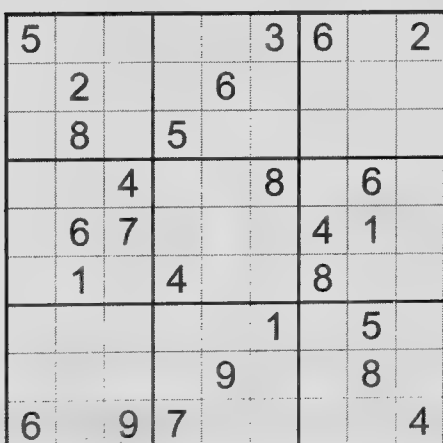
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# Bothwell's new blood renovates women's hockey

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

With a combined six wins over the past two seasons, the UVM women's hockey team has never exactly been a threat to any of their Hockey East opponents.

Since the program's inception in the 1995-1996 season, the Catamounts have not been the vision of ice hockey success — a fact that is changing fast.

Thus far in the season, the Cats stand at 4-7-1 — not an exceptionally impressive record — yet one that inspires hope for the future of the program.

Following the first four games of the season, all of which were wins, the Catamounts have already eclipsed their win total of last year.

The turnaround began on June 5, 2006 when the Catamounts named coaching veteran Tim Bothwell as head coach of the women's hockey program.

In choosing Bothwell, the Cats brought in a proven winner.

Prior to joining the University of Vermont, Bothwell was an assistant coach for the Olympic gold medal-winning Canadian women's hockey team in 2006. Additionally, Bothwell was a member of the NHL for many seasons, as both a player and an assistant coach.

Although last season was not a successful season for the Cats, as they finished 3-27-2 with only one win in Hockey East play, the change in the program became evident.

Even in losing, the Catamounts have skated tough with every powerhouse team they faced this season.

The Catamounts took Dartmouth in to overtime on the Big Green's home ice and



gave Hockey East foe Boston College a scare inside Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Men's hockey is still the fan favorite here at UVM, but as the women's games become more exciting, fans are taking notice of the Lady Cats as well.

Through four games this season, the women filled an average of 436 seats, which is almost double than last season's meager 250 per game.

What the women have shown the Gutterson faithful this season has been atypical of past performances, with their home record standing at 4-2-1 following a tie at home with Maine.

In his second year in the system, Bothwell's players have grown used to his coaching style and he has been able to use his experience to drastically improve the program.

Aside from Bothwell's hand in the improved play from returning Catamounts, he has also made some beneficial additions to the team by recruiting several standout freshmen for the 2007-2008 campaign.

The Cats continue to rally behind senior captain Kate Lesniak, who has a team-high nine points on the season.

The headliners of Bothwell's recruiting class, forwards Teddy Fortin and Molly Morrison as well as defender Saleah Morrison are all tied for second on the team with six points each.

Other freshmen who have made an impact this year are forwards Celeste Doucet and Jul Sifers, who have four points each.

Defenders Peggy Wakeham, Bryanna Verley and Hannah Westbrook round out the big contributors in the freshman class, which will be making big plays for the Catamounts for years to come.

It remains to be seen how much of an impact the Cats will make in the Hockey East this season, but with Bothwell holding the reins, this team on the rise is poised to become a powerful opponent.

# The girls who take their marks together continue to dominate

By MIKE MURPHY

Staff Writer

Those who have followed

the swimming and diving team know about freshman star Kate Weaver. She has filled the headlines and gained a lot of attention.

Yet, it seems that a different Catamount has been stepping up each week, ready to lead her team to victory.

Coach Cournoyer believes that the other girls and Weaver compliment each other.

They work well together in and out of the pool as shown in the Nov. 18 meet against Maine, when senior Nicole Underhill and Weaver pulled off a one-two finish in the 200 IM.



One of the girls who has led the Catamounts this year is returning sophomore Molly MacMillan.

MacMillan has continued to dominate her distance events, Cournoyer said. MacMillan recorded numerous first place finishes and set new records in freestyle and backstroke events.

In the beginning of the year, Cournoyer made comments about his returning girls assuming the roles of leaders on the team. He said that sophomore Colleen Clark should continue to improve and help lead the team to the next level.

Junior Ashley Gillespie is "expected to lead the team in the breaststroke events again this season."

The girls have responded well to the roles Cournoyer set.

Underhill recently won three events against Maine as the Catamounts beat the Black Bears 172-128.

Underhill won the 100 and the 200 butterfly with her time in the 200 of 2:06.18 earning her a varsity record.

When asked about Underhill's performance against Maine, Coach Cournoyer said, "[Underhill] is one of the conference's strongest swimmers throughout her four years. She holds three school records, which she has broken every year."

"Her experience along with the work ethic and experience of our upperclassmen has set the tone for this team."

Cournoyer emphasized the idea that swimming is a team sport. The idea that no one person can do it alone is very important to this team.

He said that as a coach he is very lucky to have a strong and well balanced team, and it will be interesting to see who will be the next Catamounts to step up and lead the team for the rest of the season.

## The UVM snowboard team (UVMST) hosts their second annual on-campus rail jam on the Redstone green



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)



## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

### Results

#### Men's Soccer

Wednesday, Nov. 14  
Win vs. New Hampshire  
Vermont: 2-0 - 2  
New Hampshire: 0-0 - 4  
Saturday, Nov. 17  
Win @ Binghamton  
Vermont: 1-0 - 1  
Binghamton: 0-0 - 0  
Saturday, Nov. 24  
Tie @ Dartmouth  
Vermont: 1-0-0-0 - 1  
Dartmouth: 0-0-0-0 - 0  
Wednesday, Nov. 28  
Loss @ UConn  
Vermont: 0-0 - 0  
UConn: 1-1 - 2

#### Men's Hockey

Friday, Nov. 16  
Loss vs. Boston University  
Vermont: 0-1-0 - 1  
Boston University: 2-3-4 - 9  
Saturday, Nov. 17  
Win vs. Boston University  
Vermont: 1-3-1 - 5  
Boston University: 2-1-1 - 4  
Tuesday, Nov. 20  
Win vs. UMass  
Vermont: 0-2-2 - 4  
UMass: 0-1-1 - 2

Sunday, Nov. 25

Tie @ Maine  
Vermont: 3-2-0-0 - 5  
Maine: 2-1-2 - 5  
Saturday, Dec. 1  
Loss vs. Providence  
Vermont: 0-0-0 - 0  
Providence: 1-3-0 - 4

#### Men's Basketball

Sunday, Nov. 18  
Loss @ Loyola (Md.)  
Vermont: 39-40 - 79  
Loyola: 41-42 - 83  
Tuesday, Nov. 20  
Win @ NJIT  
Vermont: 50-41 - 91  
NJIT: 27-44 - 71  
Saturday, Nov. 24  
Win vs. Towson  
Vermont: 25-34 - 59  
Towson: 23-34 - 57  
Tuesday, Nov. 27  
Loss @ Dartmouth  
Vermont: 40-35 - 75  
Dartmouth: 37-39 - 76  
Friday, Nov. 30  
Loss @ Florida  
Vermont: 32-29 - 61  
Florida: 52-34 - 86

#### Women's Hockey

Saturday, Nov. 24

#### Tie vs. Maine

UVM: 0-0-0-0 - 0  
Maine: 0-0-0-0 - 0  
Saturday, Dec. 1  
Loss @ Northeastern  
UVM: 0-1-0 - 1  
Northeastern: 0-1-1 - 2  
Sunday, Dec. 2  
Loss @ Boston University  
UVM: 0-0-0 - 0  
Boston University: 1-0-2 - 3

#### Women's Basketball

Saturday, Nov. 17  
Win vs. Brown  
Vermont: 37-32 - 69  
Brown: 23-15 - 38  
Sunday, Nov. 18  
Win vs. St. John's  
Vermont: 28-38 - 66  
St. John's: 23-25 - 48  
Friday, Nov. 23  
Loss @ Ball State  
Vermont: 28-39 - 67  
Ball State: 30-53 - 83  
Saturday, Nov. 24  
Win @ Fairleigh Dickinson  
Vermont: 40-22 - 62  
FD: 26-25 - 51  
Saturday, Dec. 1  
Win @ Kent State  
Vermont: 39-24 - 63  
Kent State: 24-29 - 53

#### Swimming

Sunday, Nov. 18  
Win @ Maine  
Vermont: 172  
Maine: 128

### Conference Standings

America East Men's Soccer  
Binghamton - (5-3-0) Overall - (14-6-0)  
Vermont - (4-2-2) Overall - (9-10-3)  
Boston University - (3-2-3) Overall - (9-7-4)  
UMBC - (3-3-2) Overall - (8-7-5)  
Hartford - (2-1-5) Overall - (7-4-7)  
New Hampshire - (2-1-5) Overall - (5-5-9)  
Stony Brook - (3-4-1) Overall - (9-7-3)  
Albany - (2-3-3) Overall - (3-10-4)  
Maine - (1-6-1) Overall - (3-13-1)

Hockey East Men's Hockey  
New Hampshire - (3-1-1) Overall - (5-1-0)  
Boston College - (2-1-3) Overall

— (3-1-3)  
UMass - (2-1-3) Overall - (4-2-3)  
Providence - (3-2-1) Overall - (4-5-1)  
Northeastern - (3-3-1) Overall - (3-4-1)  
Boston University - (2-2-0) Overall - (2-5-2)  
Maine - (2-2-1) Overall - (4-4-1)  
Vermont - (1-1-1) Overall - (1-4-1)  
UMass Lowell - (0-2-3) Overall - (2-2-3)  
Merrimack - (1-4-1) Overall - (4-4-1)

America East Men's Basketball  
UMBC - (0-0) Overall - (6-1)  
Albany - (0-0) Overall - (4-2)  
Maine - (0-0) Overall - (4-4)  
New Hampshire - (0-0) Overall - (3-3)  
Hartford - (0-0) Overall - (4-5)  
Vermont - (0-0) Overall - (2-5)  
Binghamton - (0-0) Overall - (1-6)  
Boston University - (0-0) Overall - (1-6)  
Stony Brook - (0-0) Overall - (1-6)

#### Hockey East Women's Hockey

New Hampshire - (7-0-0) Overall - (9-2-0)  
UConn - (3-1-0) Overall - (10-2-0)  
Providence - (2-2-1) Overall - (2-4-2)  
Boston College - (2-3-0) Overall - (5-3-1)  
Northeastern - (1-1-0) Overall - (1-8-1)  
Maine - (0-2-1) Overall - (1-10-1)  
Boston University - (0-2-0) Overall - (2-6-2)  
Vermont - (0-4-0) Overall - (4-7-0)

America East Women's Basketball  
Hartford - (0-0) Overall - (6-2)  
Vermont - (0-0) Overall - (5-2)  
Boston University - (0-0) Overall - (5-3)  
New Hampshire - (0-0) Overall - (3-3)  
Stony Brook - (0-0) Overall - (2-4)  
UMBC - (0-0) Overall - (2-5)  
Binghamton - (0-0) Overall - (1-5)  
Maine - (0-0) Overall - (1-6)  
Albany - (0-0) Overall - (1-7)



## MEN'S SOCCER

Continued from A16

UConn and head coach Ray Ried.

"Give Vermont credit," Reid said. "Their MO is that they fight and claw and battle. They fought and really bottled us up."

But UConn, who had outscored opponents 46-12 through 21 games, was just too powerful.

The Huskies put the game out of reach at the 55-minute mark when NCAA scoring leader, O'Brian White, headed in a goal off a cross deep in the box, bringing his season total

to 20 goals.

The Hokies (19-2-1) are ranked as the top team in the country by more than one poll and gave the Cats something to strive for in the coming season.

"This team is going to have a sour taste in their mouth, all spring, all summer," junior goalie Scully said. "A loss like this is going to help us."

"UConn offered us something that was a different standard for us," Cormier said. "Our goal coming in to the season was to win the confer-

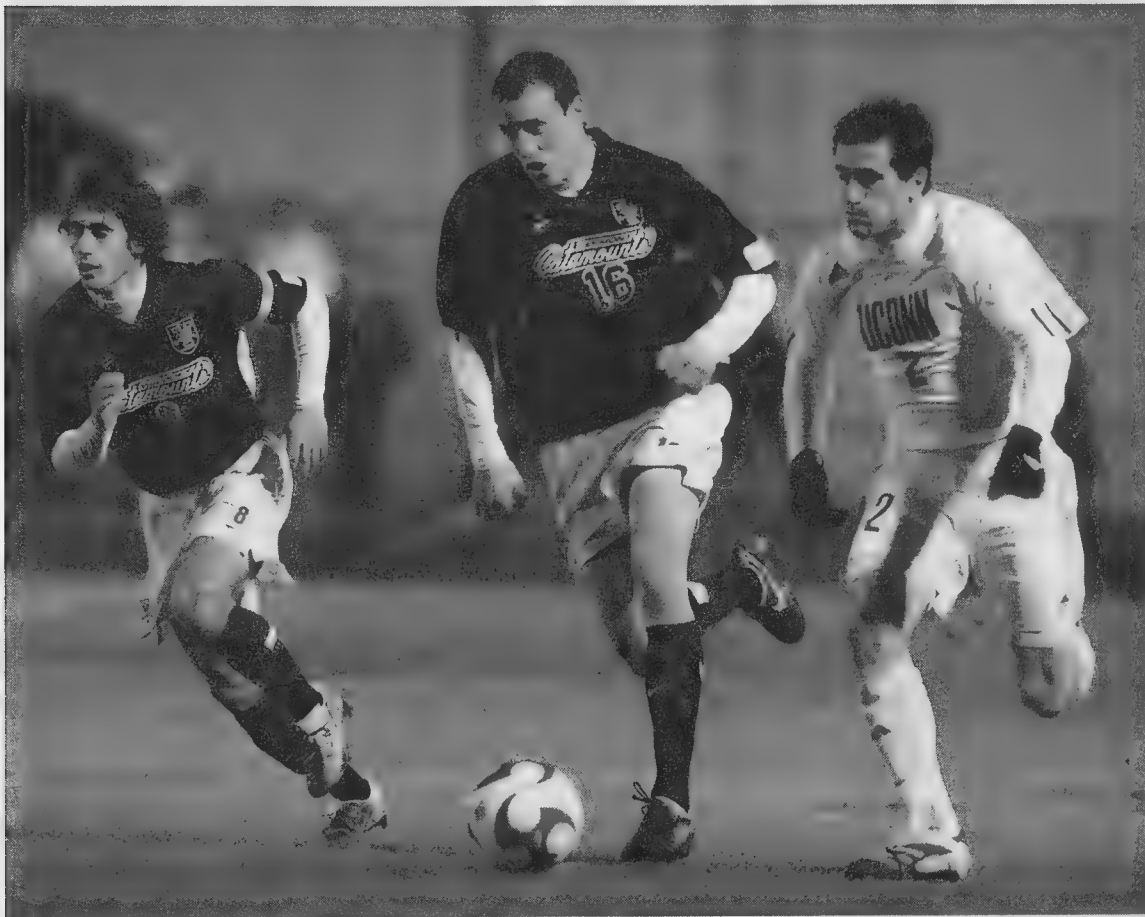
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"UConn steps in and points out a higher level and says you need to jump to this."

"We have taken the steps to win the conference," Cormier said. "And now we have to take the steps to be recognized nationally."

"The guys left the game hungry and we knew we didn't play our best game."

Vermont finishes the season with a 9-10-3 record overall, going 4-2-2 in the America East Conference.



(Brian Jenkins/UVM Photography)

Seniors Panos Georgiadis (6) and Justin Geibel (16) push the ball up the field in front of the Huskies' Greg King in the NCAA second round loss to UConn in Storrs, Conn. The 2-0 loss was the final game for Vermont's four seniors: Georgiadis, Geibel, Tyler Hasman and Loren Hill.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

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us."

UVM returns to action on Saturday, Dec. 8 when they host Harvard in the second game of a five-game home-stand.

According to Sneddon, they will do so with Spillane

as the starter.

"I feel like [Spillane's] kind of been sitting there waiting and we've tried to give Joe as much confidence as possible, but the bottom line is he has to start giving his team confidence."

"Until he does that, we have to go with the guy who's playing better and right now [Spillane] is."

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

### Bad Week for #1 and #2

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Does anyone want to play for the National Championship? For the second straight week both BCS #1 and #2 went down. A week after LSU and Kansas lost the top rankings, it all happened again. Missouri and West Virginia had tickets punched but now find themselves on the outside looking in.

### Good Week for Ohio State

It has got to feel good to be relaxing at home and find yourself in the National Championship one Saturday night. That's exactly the situation the Buckeyes are in after ending the season two weeks ago with an 11-1 record. After all the surprises around them, Ohio State will be heading back to the Championship game for the second straight year.

### Good Week for Hawaii

Not only has Colt Brennan proved that he is the best pure passer in the college game, but Hawaii has followed the Boise State model to get a BCS bid. The only undefeated team in the nation, Hawaii will face Georgia in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1.

### Good Week for Ricky Williams

By NICK DECARO

Yes, he only carried the ball six times for 15 yards and fumbled while hurt. Still, one of the greatest college backs of all time returned to the backfield and gave Miami fans a reason to cheer.

At least Williams is cleaning up his act and gives the Dolphins a chance to get their sputtering offense off the ground.

### Bad Week for Ricky Williams

By JAKE AHRENS

Williams' return to the NFL after a year and a half drug suspension was anything but glamorous. He carried the ball six times for a total of 15 yards and suffered a torn chest muscle, which ended his season before it ever really began.

### Good Week for LeBron James

Coming off back-to-back triple-double performances in victories over the Pacers and the Raptors, James responded with a 38-point effort in an OT win against the Celtics. He scored 11 of the Cavaliers' 12 points in OT and is currently leading the NBA in scoring.

### Bad Week for LeBron James

By KAT WILLIAMS

James sprained his left index finger during the second quarter of the Cavs' game last Wednesday. He didn't play in the second half or in Cleveland's game last Friday, but will hopefully be ready for this week's schedule.

# View from the Sidelines

## A look at the National Football League brought to you by Ibi Tariq

### NFL Predictions – Week 14

**Game of the week**  
**Pittsburgh at New England** — Pittsburgh head coach Mike Tomlin knows that the key to slowing down New England is getting pressure on QB Tom Brady.



But Pats coach Bill Belichick knows this, and you can bet he'll find some new wrinkles in his playbook and win again. Pats over the Steelers, 31-24

### The best of the rest

**Chicago at Washington** — Conventional wisdom says that special teamers aren't usually deciding factors in games, but KR/PR Devin Hester gives the Bears the edge.

Bears down the Redskins, 34-24

**St. Louis at Cincinnati** — The Rams are a different football team when they're healthy, which they weren't for the first half of the season.

Rams beat the Bengals, 31-26

**San Diego at Tennessee** — The Titans or the Chargers will have to step up big to stake their claim to the AFC playoff picture. RB LaDanian Tomlinson should carry the Chargers.

Chargers bolt the Titans, 28-14

**Dallas at Detroit** — Detroit is suddenly fading from the playoff picture while

Dallas is going full steam ahead toward home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

Cowboys ride past the Lions, 42-24

**Tampa Bay at Houston** — QB Matt Schaub will need to play lights-out and mistake-free for the Texans to out-score the Bucs. No small feat.

Bucs bash the Texans, 24-13

**Oakland at Green Bay** — QB Brett Favre's consecutive game streak is apparently in no jeopardy, and the Packers should rebound nicely from a tough loss at Dallas.

Packers pound the Raiders, 31-14

**Carolina at Jacksonville** — The Jags need every game left on their schedule to stay in the hunt in the AFC South and the playoff picture.

Jaguars rip up the Panthers, 27-13

**New York Giants at Philadelphia** — Is the Donovan McNabb era over in Philly? Regardless of who lines up under center for the Eagles, Giants QB Eli Manning will need to out-perform them to keep his team in the hunt.

Giants over Eagles, 28-13

**Miami at Buffalo** — The Bills were hardly able to beat the Dolphins last time. Despite losing, Miami looked like it wanted it more in that game, and should come out on top this time against Buffalo.

Fins get a win, 14-10

**Minnesota at San Francisco** — The Vikings are on a mission in the NFC, while the 49ers are looking to next year ... again.

Vikings over Niners, 31-17

**Arizona at Seattle** — The Seahawks are looking for another division crown, but the Cardinals quest for a playoff spot should hamper down the weakest division-leading team in the NFL.

Cardinals fly past the Seahawks, 28-24

**Cleveland at New York Jets** — The Jets seem to have found their QB of the future in Kellen Clemens, but that future isn't now.

Browns ground the Jets, 30-20

**Kansas City at Denver** — Despite minimal playoff chances, Chiefs versus Broncos is a rivalry game that always means something. Broncos QB Jay Cutler should be able to lead Denver to a win.

Denver over the Chiefs, 26-20

**Indianapolis at Baltimore** — The Ravens defense is top-five against the run, which means QB Peyton Manning will need to limit his mistakes and play well for Indy to beat the Ravens.

Colts over Ravens, 27-17

**New Orleans at Atlanta** — The Saints will just need to go out and execute their offense to defeat a Falcons team that looks like it's been playing for 2008 since Week 6.

Saints march over the Falcons, 33-13

# FACE OFF

## THE MATCHUP

ZACH PARKER VS. JASON BUSHEY

JUDGING BY NICK DECARO



1. As the college football season winds down and the BCS Championship is still up for grabs, what would your ideal match up be?

**ZP:** Personally, I would love to see Hawaii and West Virginia in the BCS National Championship game, but there is almost no chance that will happen.

If West Virginia wins out, they are a virtual lock to make the trip to New Orleans, but unfortunately Hawaii will be relegated to a lesser bowl.

Therein lies the problem with the BCS system. After watching both Hawaii and Missouri play, Hawaii is a better team, but the BCS shows no love for the WAC.

With a playoff system, the undefeated Warriors could show their skill against the nation's best and play for a shot at the title.

**JB:** If I were to pick the ideal match-up for the BCS National Championship game, it would be Missouri vs. West Virginia.

Mizzou quarterback Chase Daniel is one of the nation's top passers and running back Tony Temple's return gives them some explosiveness in the back-field.

As for West Virginia, Steve Slaton and Patrick White have made for a dominating rushing duo, leading the Mountaineers towards the BCS Championship game.

Should this match-up occur, you can wake me up in a month and a half, when this game is actually played.

Anyone for a playoff? Yeah, me too.

2. Will the Patriots lose over the break? Or at all this season?

**ZP:** I feel that the Patriots are still unbelievably good, even after the scare from the Eagles.

Brady and the troops are playing better football than ever. Granted, the lowly Eagles struck some fear into the hearts of Patriot Nation, but no one on their remaining schedule stands much of a chance.

The Giants might sneak up on the Pats in Week 17 if the hoodied master Belichick benches his starters too early, but don't count on that.

In the words of Tom Brady, they're "trying to kill teams."

**JB:** The moment I heard the Patriots had acquired Randy Moss in the NFL Draft, I declared to my buddies (I swear this happened), "The Patriots are going undefeated this year."

I mean, was I really being bold?

I don't see any team challenging the Pats until the Super Bowl.

If Brett Favre and the Packers can extend their magical season in to the Super Bowl, they pose the greatest threat to New England's pursuit of perfection.

The Green Bay cornerbacks are the most physical in the league, and if they can throw off Tom Brady's timing ... Ah-hhh screw it. The Pats are going 19-0.

3. With the slew of recent player deaths, Sean Taylor being the latest, is player safety off the field becoming more of an issue for higher profile players in any sport?

**ZP:** First off, rest in peace Sean Taylor. He was an immensely talented safety who could've gone down as one of the best ever, if not senselessly murdered at the age of 24.

Player safety off the field is becoming a huge issue, as robbers and thugs see these prominent stars as targets.

Taylor's death comes less than a year after another up-and-coming defensive back, Darrent Williams of the Broncos, was shot through the door of his SUV.

Whether it is jealousy or something else that drives these young athletes to be murdered, it makes the sports world a scary place.

**JB:** Player safety off the field in all leagues has become a concern.

Sports stars are more recognizable and richer than ever, a bad combination when it comes to maintaining personal safety.

Professional athletes pull in some serious dough, and this wealth can put a bulls-eye on athletes.

This is a serious issue in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic, where family members of MLB players are frequent targets of kidnappings for ransom.

Sean Taylor slept with a machete by his bedside. Clearly, he knew his personal safety was at risk, proof that this is a real issue in sports right now.

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# NOTABLE NOSTALGIA

## THE FIVE GREATEST MOMENTS IN UVM SPORTS HISTORY

By JASON BUSHEY

Staff Writer

The University of Vermont lacks a varsity football team and the athletic facilities are starting to show their age; but despite these things UVM has distinguished itself with a decorated athletic tradition.

Success defines an athletic institution and the UVM Catamounts have seen their fair share throughout the years.

50 Catamount alumni have gone on to compete professionally in the United States and elsewhere, including NHL MVP Martin St. Louis

and the current Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas.

The ski team has won numerous individual national championships, and takes pride in the distinction of winning the America East Academic Cup in the past two seasons.

With a current administration that puts an emphasis on athletic success, the future looks bright for UVM athletics to carry on as an institution of victory.

### Men's soccer reaches the Elite Eight

**5** The 1989 Men's Soccer team, led by goalie Jim St. Andre and forward Roberto Deall, reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA College Cup.

UVM dispatched UConn and Yale in front of home crowds exceeding 5,000 fans on their way to a regional quarterfinal matchup against #7 Rutgers.

The Catamounts took the Scarlet Knights, led by All-American Alexi Lalas, deep in to overtime before Rutgers forward Chris Bauchle scored with just three minutes remaining.

Under head coach Ron McEachen, the Cats finished with a school-high 19 wins and were North Atlantic Conference Champions.

### Skiing wins back-to-back National Championships

**4** The ski team became the first eastern school in over 50 years to record back-to-back NCAA National Championships in 1989 and 1990.

During this span, 26 UVM skiers were named All-Americans, several of which went on to ski for the U.S. National Ski Team.

The Catamounts also featured

five individual national champions during their mini-dynasty, including Sari Argillander in the 1989 Freestyle and Classical Cross-Country, Gabriella Hamburg in the 1989 Women's Slalom, Laura Wilson in 1990 Women's Freestyle Cross-Country, Tim Miller in the 1990 Men's Freestyle Cross-Country and Andrew Shaw in the 1990 Men's Giant Slalom.

### Women's basketball ends consecutive undefeated seasons

**3** Led by Catamount great Sheri Turnbull, the second all-time point scorer and first in rebounding, and the tutelage of head coach Cathy Inglesse, the women's basketball team recorded back-to-back undefeated regular seasons between 1991 and 1993.

Turnbull, a dominating center who recorded four 30-point games during this span, was surrounded by an impressive nucleus that included 3-point gunners Jen Niebling and

Missy Kelsen.

Point guard Carrie LaPine also contributed a school-record 188 assists during the 1992 to 1993 season, which culminated in the only NCAA National Championship Tournament game at Patrick Gym.

The Catamounts fell to Rutgers, 74-80, but the loss did not diminish the unprecedented run the Catamounts enjoyed spanning these two seasons.

Their 53 consecutive regular season victories was an NCAA Division 1 record until 2003.

### Men's hockey reaches the Frozen Four

**2** In 1996, UVM's "Big Three," forwards Martin St. Louis, Eric Perrin and goalie Tim Thomas, led the men's hockey team all the way to the Frozen Four.

The Cats' greatest triumph of the year came against Lake Superior State in the Elite Eight.

In front of a pro-UVM crowd at Knickerbocker Arena in Albany, St. Louis ripped a shot off the bottom

of the crossbar and in to the net with less than two minutes remaining in the game to break a 1-1 tie.

UVM sealed the deal a minute later when Lake Superior's last chance was blocked by a diving Perrin right before the puck could reach the net.

Though UVM fell to Colorado College in the semifinals on a controversial call, the "Big Three" established the Catamounts as a new force in D1 hockey.

### Men's Basketball upsets Syracuse

**1** In March of 2005, the men's basketball team made their third consecutive appearance in the "Big Dance," which was one for the ages.

Facing the #4 seed Syracuse Orange in Worcester, Mass., the #13 seed UVM hung tough with the Big East powerhouse in a back-and-forth affair.

UVM, playing with its four senior studs Taylor Coppenrath, David Hehn, Germain Mopa Njila and T.J. Sorrentine, got a lift from a raucous

crowd hoping to see the Cinderella Cats prevail.

The game went to overtime and a rare Njila three-pointer with less than two minutes left was followed by a Hakeem Warrick turnover.

On the next possession, Sorrentine, a three-point specialist, ran out nearly 30 seconds of clock before letting one fly from approximately 28 feet out.

Catamount Country collectively screamed, "NO! NO! ... YES!"

"The Shot" upset Syracuse and finally, UVM had its "one shining moment."

### The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief



### "Sorrentine ... hits that one from the parking lot"

March 18, 2005 may well have been the night of my life.

A year earlier, in the spring of my senior year in high school when I decided to attend UVM, the short list of reasons to come to Burlington included: the scholarships, the basketball team and the location.

In that order.

I knew — a year before the top moment in UVM sports history happened — that the season was going to be special.

People joke that Vermonters can feel the weather in their bones, but I could feel this.

I knew at that time that one of my mom's co-workers had tickets for the 2005 NCAA tournament in both Syracuse and Worcester.

He offered me tickets to either venue in March 2004 and, in a glorious twist of fate, the offer played out perfectly in March 2005.

UVM, a 13 seed, was pitted against the perennial powerhouse Syracuse, a 4 seed, in Worcester, Mass. for the first round of the "Big Dance."

My school, my state, my team. And I had tickets. Righteous!

The game hits halftime and the score was Syracuse 23, Vermont 19. I was OK with that. Four points. We could handle that. I just knew it.

I don't remember ever being so brazenly proud or optimistic. I'm getting shivers right now thinking about it.

My team was playing their hearts out and it was a game.

Worcester was rooting for Vermont — well, everyone not wearing orange was.

Overtime!

We made it to overtime. In the NCAA tournament. AHHHHHHH!

We were still in it. How?

Oh my God! Oh my God!

Mopa is playing the game of his life, Coppenrath has been struggling, but we're in it.

And then there was "The Shot."

Why Sorrentine decided to pull up for a three-pointer from almost 30 feet I'll never know, but I'll cherish until the day I die.

"Sorrentine ... hits that one from the parking lot!" Ha!

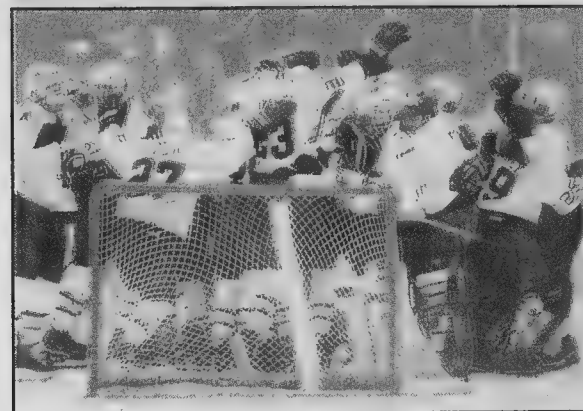
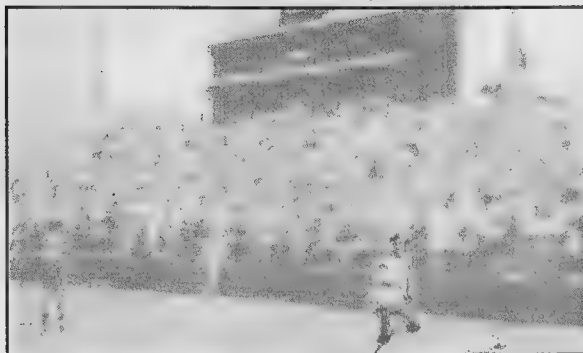
Nowadays, I watch the video of the shot online and it doesn't just bring me back to Worcester; it brings back every bit of the emotion that came with the moment.

It makes me feel invincible, ecstatic, perfect. Nothing else compares.

Calling it transcendent would be cliché, but calling it the greatest moment in UVM sports history and the happiest moment of my life would not.

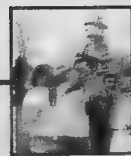
My only regret? I didn't even bet on us beating the spread.

What an idiot. I'll chalk it up to blissful ignorance.



(All photographs courtesy of Athletic Communications)

The ski team becomes first Eastern school in 50 years to win back-to-back NCAA National Championships.



1989

Men's soccer reaches the Elite Eight of the NCAA Men's Soccer Championship and finishes the season with a #6 national ranking.

1989-1990

1991-1993

Women's basketball ends two back-to-back seasons undefeated, culminating in the only NCAA tournament game at Patrick Gym.

Men's hockey's run at the Frozen Four led by Martin St. Louis and Eric Perrin (Left) and Tim Thomas.



1996

2005

#13 seed UVM defeats #4 seeded Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.





## This Week

Tuesday, Nov. 13 – Monday, Nov. 19

## SATURDAY, DEC. 8

## Track and Field

© McGill Invitational  
Montreal, Quebec, 10 a.m.

## Women's Basketball

vs. Lafayette  
Patrick Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

## Men's Basketball

© Yale  
New Haven, Conn., 2 p.m.

## Men's Hockey

vs. Harvard  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:05 p.m.Wednesday,  
Nov. 28  
Storrs, Conn.NCAA Round  
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## Streak snapped

Men's soccer's run to the second round of the NCAA Tournament came to an end at UConn

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

The Catamounts' sparkling late-season run included a second place finish in the America East, the conference tournament championship and a berth in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

But Vermont did not have enough on Wednesday night against the third-ranked University of Connecticut Huskies as they fell 2-0 in front of 2,632 fans at Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn.

After starting the season 4-9, the Cats ripped off seven straight games without a loss and without allowing a goal, on the way to their fourth America East Championship.

"I am proud of these guys," head coach Jesse Cormier said. "It's been the most rewarding year of my coaching career."

"We were at the bottom of the barrel and we have come far. The journey we took persevering, battling adversity, is something these guys will take with them the rest of their lives," he said.

The Cats faced another uphill battle at UConn after conceding a goal in the first minute for the second straight game.

Junior defenseman Jack

McFadden was shown a yellow card just 38 seconds into the game after a hard tackle outside the left corner of the box.

UConn did not waste any time converting when senior Dori Arad headed in sophomore Mike Pezza's free kick past a diving Roger Scully, just inside the post.

After going down against Dartmouth in the first round of the tournament, Vermont fought back to force a shoot-out, but against the speed and athleticism of the Huskies they could not find the back of the net.

"Our goal was to get to the half even or ahead," Cormier said. "But even when they were up a goal, I felt we had the ability and the guys to find a way, and we had some chances."

Junior Jordan Crasilneck had the best of those chances for UVM on consecutive possessions in the first half.

Off a long free kick in the ninth minute, Crasilneck slipped behind the defense, but could not get on the end of the ball played into the box by senior Panos Georgiadis.

Less than a minute later, Crasilneck led a Vermont counterattack and fired a shot from just outside the box.

It was knocked aside by the Huskies goalie, Josh Ford, who dove across the goalmouth to get a hand on a ball destined for the back of the net.

The rebound bounced out to the center of the box, but se-



(Brian Jenkins/ UVM Photography)

Sophomore forward T.J. Gore (7) controls the ball in front of UConn's Toni Stahl.

nior Tyler Hasman was unable to get a foot on the ball as a defender took him down.

No penalty was awarded.

"In the end, we didn't put away our chances like we needed to and Connecticut did," Crasilneck said. "In the off-season we know where we need to be and we know the level it takes to be on top."

"We will try to be back here

next year."

In the second half, Vermont could not get any clear-cut chances on goal and looked worn down by the Big East champion Huskies.

But the scrappy play and never-say-die attitude of the Cats left an impression on

MEN'S SOCCER - A13

## Providence Friars prove too much, unbeaten run ended



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

(Above) Providence captain Jon Rheault (27) moves in front of the Cats to lead the Friars to a victory.

(Right) Sophomore goalie Mike Spillane (31) and junior Kyle Kuk (27) watch Rheault's goal through the five-hole. Spillane let in two goals, both by Rheault, to cushion Providence's 4-0 win.



## Cats unable to recover from an early pair of goals

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer

Perhaps it was the gaudy, jet-black sweaters or the deafening Thunderstix that yet another sell-out crowd — bringing the consecutive total to 64 — beat wildly,

Vermont  
0-0-0 — 0  
Providence  
1-3-0 — 4

but for whatever reason, the UVM men's hockey team was blanked by visiting Providence University Saturday night, 4-0.

Outshot 33-20, the loss snaps a three-game unbeaten streak (2-0-1) for the Cats and drops their overall season record to 3-6-2 (3-3-2 Hockey East).

"Aside from some shifts here and there, we just didn't seem to have great execution on our passes, we weren't shooting the puck well," head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "Pretty much we just didn't play well tonight."

With less than six minutes

left in the first period, Providence took a 1-0 lead when Greg Collins eluded UVM goalie Joe Fallon with a weak wristshot from the left point.

Just over six minutes into the second period, the Friars made it 2-0 when Kevin Laughlin took the puck to the net from down low and scored off a deflection from Fallon's stick.

Immediately following the

Friars' second goal, Sneddon pulled Fallon in favor of sophomore goalie Mike Spillane.

"When a key position lets up two soft goals like that, it really takes away from your entire team," Sneddon said. "You have two soft goals go in on a guy who's your go-to guy, you can imagine what the energy is like on the bench."

Although he surrendered two more goals, Spillane (14

saves) filled in admirably for Fallon in the eyes of his head coach.

"He made the first save and he controlled the rebounds," Sneddon said. "It's a tough situation to come into when you're following a guy who gets pulled pretty early and you're not really expecting it. I thought he did a great job for

MEN'S HOCKEY - A13

LAST  
TIME  
OUT

Sunday, Nov. 25  
Vermont: 3-2-0-0 — 5  
Maine: 2-1-2-0 — 5  
Saturday, Dec. 1  
Vermont: 0-0-0 — 0  
Providence: 1-3-0 — 4

CATAMOUNTS  
GAME DAY

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VS.

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**NURSING**

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elor's degree, according to Rambur.

Nurses with a higher level of education experienced much more job satisfaction and career retention than those with an AD, according to the article.

It also states that BS RNs scored much higher than AD RNs in terms of job satisfaction.

In addition, "patient safety is significantly enhanced with a bachelor's degree," Rambur said.

For this reason, there is an increasing trend in health care facilities desiring nurses with the higher degree, she said.

The authors compiled their findings from a survey of 3,000 Vermont nurses, 878 of which fit the study.

Rambur "hope[s] that students begin to see themselves more as scientists" as a result of the article and the award.

"The research can be both local and international," she said.

Rambur, who is the lead author of the article, according to Palumbo, said that her research focuses on nursing workforce issues and that the article is part of a long line of work with similar themes.

She is the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Science, but is on leave as an American Council on Education Fellow at University of Wisconsin—Madison, Palumbo said.

**SGA**

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tor, would be "very new to the job," but "will pick up where Lizzy Mazer left off."

Candidates to run in mid-term elections will begin campaigning today. In order to be eligible to run, candidates are required to obtain 80 signatures from undergraduate students.

SGA elections are privately funded, with a \$50 limit on expenditures for any one candidate. SGA organizations are prohibited from contributing to any candidate.

Additionally, campaigners are not allowed within 100 feet of computer labs, in order to maintain a fair electronic voting procedure.

**FOGEL**

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However, since President Fogel has assumed the presidency, there has been an increase in enrollment and each year there has been a stronger enrollment pool, the president's Web site stated.

"Call it enlightened self-interest, when doing good is good for business and a boon to the environmental movement. It also takes a bit of enlightenment to see opportunities in what many consider an obstacle. Dan Fogel was quick to see the light and has shown the way for others," *The Burlington Free Press* stated.

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Livak Ballroom 8PM

Start the semester off right by getting in touch with your creative side.

**TUESDAY**

**Ski & Snowboard Film**  
Grand Maple Ballroom 8PM  
"La La Land" featuring the world's best women snowboarders.

Brought to you by the Ski & Snowboard Club.

**WEDNESDAY**

**College Cooking 101**  
Grand Maple Ballroom 8PM

Delicious food and the how to's so you can do it all yourself. All levels are welcome. Brought to you by Collegiate Eats

**THURSDAY**

**The Secrets of How to Play Winning Pool**  
Davis Center Game Room 8PM  
Learn how to play pool from an expert and perfect your shot!

**FRIDAY**

**Live Band @ Brennan's & Rock Paper Scissors Shoot Finals 8PM**

to be held during performance

**PLUS**  
**ROCK PAPER SCISSORS**  
**EVERYDAY @ 2 PM**  
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# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## National

### Giuliani pay cuts suggest difficulties

2008 presidential contender Rudy Giuliani stopped paying some of his top campaign advisors as of January 1. Campaign officials said the pay cuts would help focus resources on Florida, a state that Giuliani hopes to carry.

### Jones learns sentence for doping

Olympic runner Marion Jones was sentenced to six months in prison after lying about using steroids and her involvement in a check fraud scheme. Jones was also ordered two years probation and 800 hours of community service.

### Stork arrives for Nicole

Nicole Ritchie and her boyfriend Joel Madden welcome their first child, Harlow. According to celebrity baby specialists, "Harlow is the coolest glamour girl name." Apparently the name is an homage to classic Hollywood movie star Jean Harlow.

### BET Founder slams Obama in S.C.

Robert Johnson, the founder of BET, and an ardent supporter of Hillary Clinton brought up again Barack Obama's past drug use. Johnson also attacked Obama's treatment of the Clinton's past racial faux-pas's dealing with MLK. He also compared Obama to Sidney Poitier when he said, "That kind of campaign behavior does not resonate with me, for a guy who says, 'I want to be a reasonable, likable, Sidney Poitier 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.'"

### Bank of America buys Countrywide in \$4 billion deal

Bank of America announced that it would buy Countrywide Financial Corp. for \$4 billion of the firm's stock. Analysts say the sale saved Countrywide from near bankruptcy and is a step toward healing the ongoing subprime mortgage crisis.

### Simpson detained for breaching bail

In Florida, former football star O.J. Simpson was held for alleged violation of the terms of his bail following a Las Vegas armed robbery last fall. Simpson allegedly contacted a co-defendant in the case, which the bail terms prohibited.

### Hollywood publicist fears end

Legendary publicist Julian Meyers has recently come out against the WGA strike worrying about how the strike is going to destroy Hollywood. He said, "Does a dying Hollywood need a civil war today to hasten its erosion?"

### Edwards comes out against Clinton MLK comments.

Fmr. Senator John Edwards has come out against Senator Clinton's comment about Martin Luther King. Edwards said, "I must say I was troubled recently to see a suggestion that real change that came not through the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King but through a Washington politician. I fundamentally disagree with that." This is just another attack by a Democrat against Mrs. Clinton for her comments on the achievements of MLK.

### NH to recount primary votes

The state of New Hampshire will conduct a recount of ballots cast last Tuesday for both the Democratic and Republican presidential nominees. Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich and little-known Republican candidate Albert Howard requested the recounts citing significant differences between machine and manual vote counts.

### iTaser to make safety fashionable

The Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas turned out a notably peculiar item this year: a taser gun with a built-in, 1GB mp3 player. The gadget, dubbed the iTaser, is produced by Taser International and aims to make personal protection both fashionable and functional.

### Virginia considers ban of Driving while Texting

The General Assembly of Virginia is considering a ban on DWT (Driving While Texting) due to the serious safety issues it causes. Delegate James Scott said on the issue, "I frankly did not even realize that one could do that and drive."

### Romney up in Michigan poll

Fledgling Republican candidate, Mitt Romney, leads John McCain by 8 points, according to a MSNBC poll. This is an important development for the Romney campaign, who is in need of a major primary win to keep alive in the campaign.

### Aircraft carrying Obama strikes parked Cessna 208

The plane carrying 2008 Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama struck another plane while taxiing on the runway at Midway Airport in Chicago. Contact was so slight that most of the nine passengers did not notice.

### California may gain control of home heating

Next year, California state regulators will likely gain emergency powers to control home thermostats. Radio controlled devices would be required in all new and significantly modified homes, according to the California Energy Commission proposal.

## International

### French president impregnates model fiancée

According to some reports, Carla Bruni, supermodel and girlfriend of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, is pregnant with Sarkozy's child. Sarkozy divorced his previous wife three months ago and began seeing Bruni shortly after.

### Former Hussein officials allowed in government

The Iraqi Parliament passed a measure that will allow former members of Sadaam Hussein's Baath party to apply for low-level government jobs. The Bush administration has encouraged the measure, saying it will help mend deep rifts between Iraqi political parties.

### Clinton advisor arrested for drunk driving, speeding

Sidney Blumenthal, a senior advisor to 2008 presidential contender Hillary Clinton, was arrested and charged with drunken and aggravated driving one day before the New Hampshire primary. Blumenthal was driving 70 mph in a 30 mph zone.

### Malibu awarded car of the year

The Chevy Malibu, produced by General Motors, won the North American Car of the Year Award at the Detroit Auto Show. Criteria for the award included all-new or substantially improved cars. The Malibu was picked from a pool of 13 cars.

### Baghdad Green Zone turns white

Amidst ongoing war, the city of Baghdad experienced something it hasn't in 100 years: snow. Residents could be seen early in the morning Friday filming the event with cell phone cameras.

### Crisis in Kenya forces thousands to flee homes

Riots have killed 500 in Kenya following the re-election of President Mwai Kibaki. The debacle has interfered with supplies of fuel to the country and forced thousands to seek refuge in neighboring African countries. Pre-existing ethnic conflicts were exacerbated by a disputed election a few weeks ago.



The **VERMONT**  
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**Disturbing  
quote of  
the week:**

**“... before  
it’s too late”**

- President George Bush  
urging the world to join  
the United States in  
opposing Iran.

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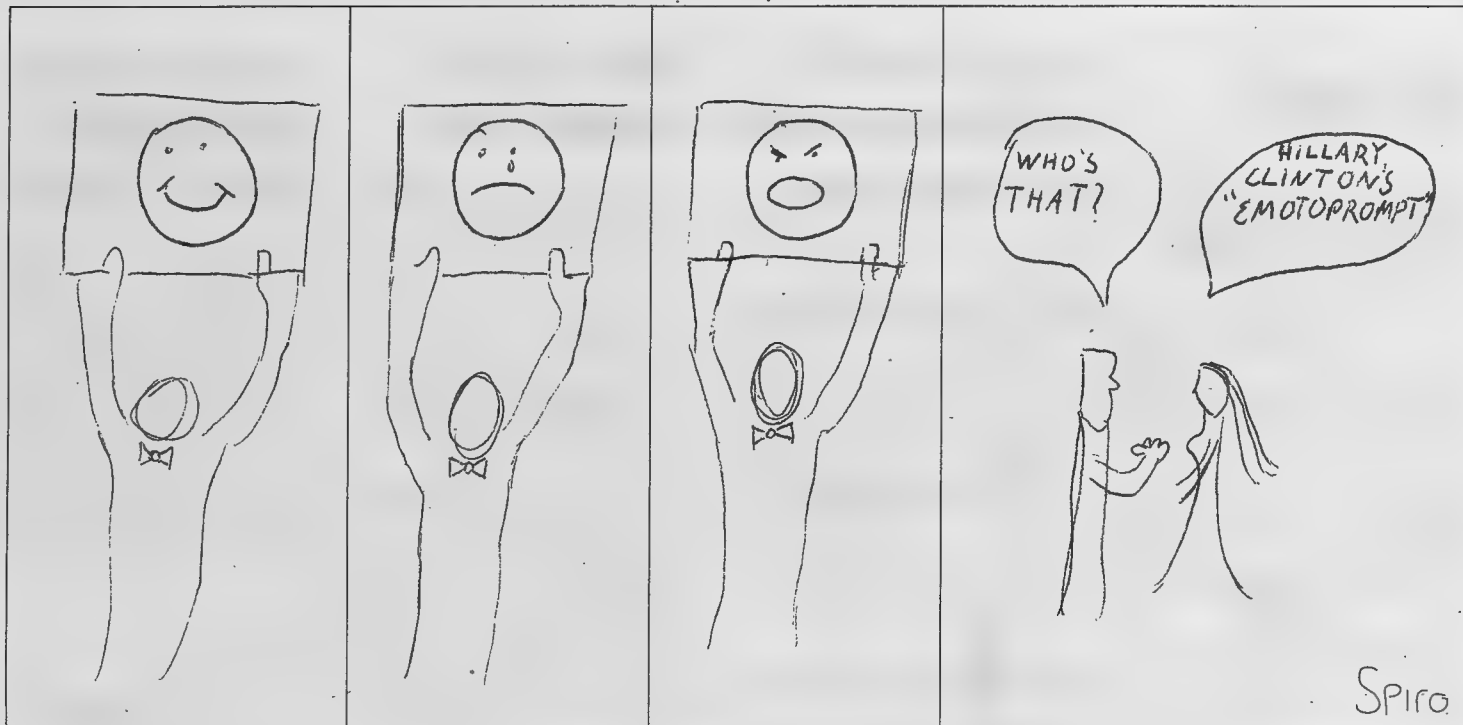
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# Why we support Obama

There comes a time to abandon hard-line “big vision” ideologies and consider the practical ramifications of the moment. When it comes to selecting a president, this happens once every four years or so.

An old adage advises that we pick our battles. In our more idealistic moments we recognize other candidates who we would rather see as president of this nation, but for practical reasons we have decided to support the campaign of Illinois Senator Barack Obama.

On all fronts, Sen. Obama bests rival Sen. Clinton. He is more liberal, more straightforward, and far more electable.

But it is always important to be weary of the claims and self-characterizations of any candidate. Obama’s “Change” message may very well be little more than a talking point or an empty phrase.

Certainly he has been no maverick in the Senate — developing a center-

left voting record which did not push for any truly radically new direction in Washington — but it is hard to deny that he nevertheless stands a greater chance at living up to the ideology of change than any other man or woman who may be, at this time, considered a contender in this race.

There is something to his message. It resonates differently and in a more positive light than competing voices in politics and outside of the realm, but also in a way that is daring and refreshing.

His whole candidacy captures something that Clinton’s fails to. It has a soul.

When other candidates talk about hopefulness and optimism, it rings with less sincerity than do the words of Obama. There is a “Please, God, we need this” sentiment expressed by his supporters that does not come through for Clinton or any other candidate.

Is it hope? Yes. Is it fluff? No.

And it seems reasonable to think of Obama’s relative inexperience as a politician as an asset. Less-tainted by the workings of Washington; he will be more likely to succeed in bringing much-needed promise and change.

Unlike Clinton whose words ring insincere and calculated, and who is largely disliked, perhaps the result of her touted experience in Washington, Obama comes off as warmer and more positive.

He’s likeable, but more importantly he’s electable.

Come to think about it, that is pretty refreshing too.

And even if his presidency does not live up to his own grand claims for a new direction, the symbolism of it must not be ignored. At very least, his election would be a sign to Americans and to the world that we want change. Whether or not he lives up to his message is up to him.

We hope he will.

**Julia Gabriel Michel**

## The wisdom of youth

Being young is just one of those things.

As college students, we live in a contradiction. While we grapple and ponder and worry with how to best become successful citizens, we’re characterized as horny, drunk and liberal.

While most of us are old enough to vote and old enough to understand global problems, we’re seen as still too young to really do anything.

Imagine for a moment that the CEO position of a Fortune 500 was handed to the brightest and most qualified candidate: a college sophomore who still had acne. Or that the true brains behind international economic planning belonged to a 22 year-old grad student with an uncanny ability to foresee market trends.

But it could never happen because until you reach a certain age, this country and this culture neglect to



take you seriously.

So why do the American people tell us young ones to just wait until we’re older? Why are we told to stay mum and only speak when spoken to until the first gray hairs and crows feet appear?

I know that I’m too much of an optimist in any young person’s ability to improve the world around him.

But I also refuse to believe that age, experience and understanding automatically go hand in hand—anyone, not just a young person, understands most issues and substantial life events without experiencing them.

And I think that for the most part, our generation understands world-wide issues of the economy, environment and war.

This is why, regardless of politics and favorite primary candidate, young American voters should take deep offense in the stabs taken at Senator Obama regarding his “inexperience” for the Presidency.

Instead, criticize his education

plan. Or vote for Hillary because you just don’t like the guy. But attacks on his experience aren’t just attacks on his audacity to run for the highest elected position after just two years as a U.S. Senator, they’re attacks on the audacity of every young person attempting to effect political change.

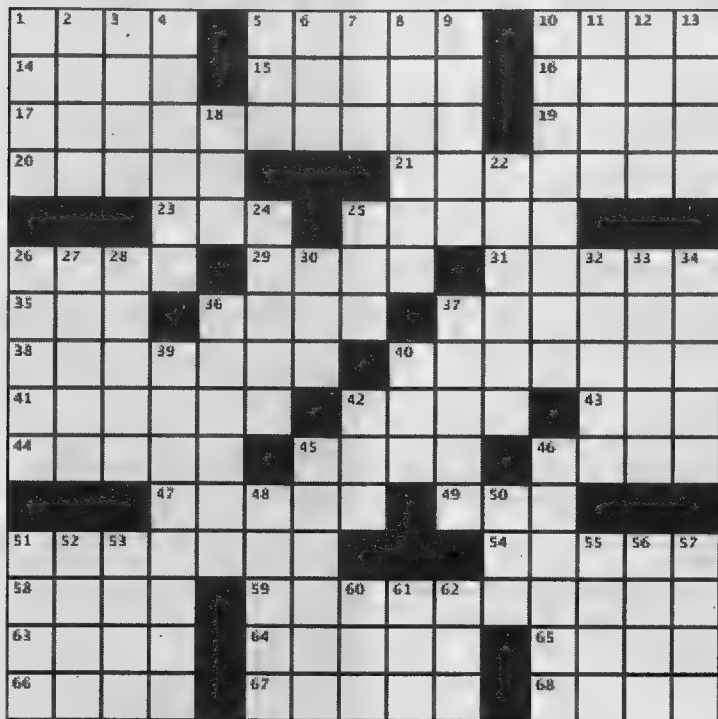
Undoubtedly, there are certain things that just require experience—to some people, the Presidency remains just one of those things. However, too much experience—inside the D.C. beltway or otherwise—can soothe us into feelings of invincibility. Anyway you look at it, even years of experience don’t guard against all bad decision-making.

So whether you support Clinton, Edwards, McCain, Huckabee or Mickey Mouse, don’t forget that age and world experience will never be panaceas for the disease of bad judgment. You’re never too old to make mistakes, just as you’re never too young to be right.



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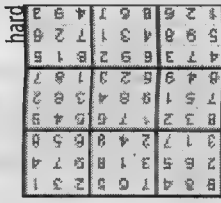
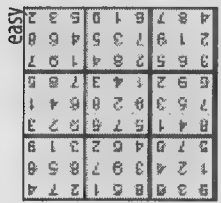
- 11- Greek god of love
- 12- Start of something small?
- 13- Poems, often used to praise someone or something
- 21- Equipment
- 22- Not base
- 24- Hipbone
- 25- Standard
- 26- Cleft
- 27- Hackneyed
- 28- Wash lightly
- 29- Gaiety
- 30- Twist
- 31- Strange and mysterious
- 32- Staggers
- 34- Trio
- 37- Torn clothing
- 38- Offhand
- 40- Cease moving
- 41- Run away
- 43- Tidily
- 46- Skin openings
- 47- Incident
- 48- Gull-like predatory bird
- 49- Aromatic plant
- 50- Opaque gemstone
- 51- Overdue
- 52- Potpourri
- 53- Sleeps briefly
- 54- Gaelic language of Ireland or Scotland
- 56- Yellow and black insect
- 57- Fall behind

### ACROSS

- 1- "Dancing Queen" quartet
- 5- Musical drama
- 10- Office note
- 14- Slovenly person
- 15- Less
- 16- Dry and waterless
- 17- Wanting
- 18- Santa's aides
- 19- Completed
- 20- Unkempt
- 22- Upbeat, in music
- 23- Oceans
- 24- South American Indian
- 26- Ridge
- 29- Secluded place
- 33- Earlier
- 34- Next after the second
- 35- Very small
- 36- Waterfall
- 37- Head cold
- 38- Withered
- 39- T.G.I.F. part
- 40- Seraglio
- 41- Instrument for threshing grain
- 42- Mail-goer, often

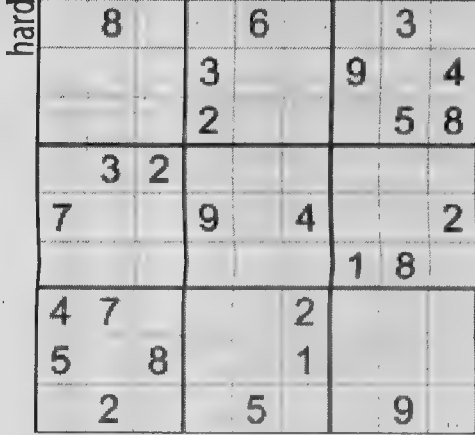
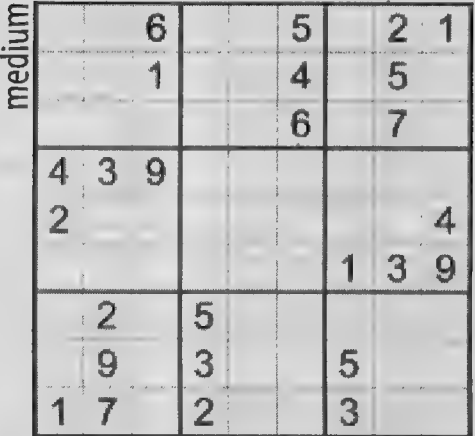
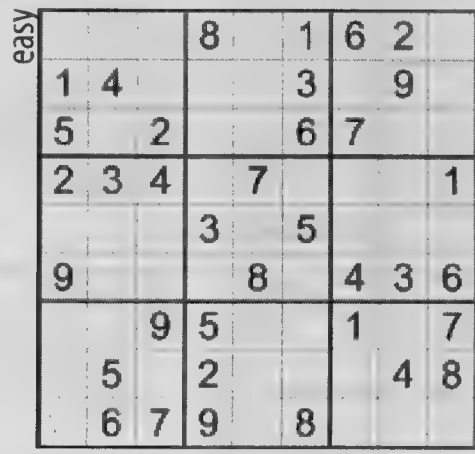
### DOWN

- 44- HOMES, e.g.
- 45- Otherwise
- 46- Quick look
- 48- Weaned pig
- 51- Cherished relation
- 55- Retained
- 56- Raucous sound
- 58- Having wings
- 59- Russian range
- 60- Consumed
- 61- Drinks slowly
- 62- Skillfully
- 63- Excrete from the body
- 64- Flexible tube



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# This Week

Tuesday, Jan. 15 - Monday, Jan. 21

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

**Women's Basketball**  
vs. Albany  
Patrick Gymnasium, 7 p.m.  
**Men's Basketball**  
@ Maine  
Orono, Maine, 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 18

**Skiing**  
@ St. Lawrence Carnival  
Whiteface/Mt. Van Hoevenberg,  
9 a.m.  
**Swimming**  
vs. Siena  
Fortrush Natatorium, 4 p.m.  
**Track and Field**  
vs. Middlebury with McGill  
Burlington, Vt., 4 p.m.  
**Men's Hockey**  
vs. Northeastern  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:05 p.m.  
**Women's Hockey**  
@ St. Cloud State  
St. Cloud, Minn., 8:05 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 19

**Skiing**  
@ St. Lawrence Carnival  
Whiteface/Mt. Van Hoevenberg,  
9 a.m.  
**Men's Hockey**  
vs. Northeastern  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:05 p.m.  
**Women's Hockey**  
@ St. Cloud State  
St. Cloud, Minn., 8:05 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 20

**Swimming**  
@ Binghamton  
Vestal, N.Y., 11 a.m.  
**Women's Basketball**  
vs. UMBC  
Patrick Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

## MONDAY, JAN. 21

**Men's Basketball**  
vs. Stony Brook  
Patrick Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

# 2-3 over break lifts Cats to 2-2 A-East

Sat, Jan. 13

Vermont 64, New Hampshire 61

Vermont 7-9, 2-2 AE

	FG-FGA	3-PT-A	TP	A
13 Trimboli, Mike	5-17	2-5	19	4
14 Cieplicki, Kyle	1-3	0-2	2	0
23 Blakely, Marqus	5-11	0-1	12	2
32 Fjeld, Evan	6-9	0-0	14	0
40 McIntosh, Colin	5-12	0-1	10	1
03 Accaoui, Joey	2-3	1-2	5	0
12 Vier, Nick	1-6	0-1	2	5
21 Powlovich, Chad	0-0	0-0	0	0
34 Dean, Jordan	0-0	0-0	0	0
42 Shields, Ryan	0-0	0-0	0	1

TOTAL FG%: 41.0%  
3-PT FG%: 25.0%  
F-THROW%: 57.9%

New Hampshire 4-11, 1-3 AE

	FG-FGA	3-PT-A	TP	A
04 Gibbs, Tyrece	1-10	0-4	6	2
21 Conley, Tyrone	1-7	0-2	8	3
23 Gilchrese, Eric	1-5	0-0	4	3
25 Abreu, Alvin	6-11	4-6	18	1
33 Christensen, Mike	5-13	1-3	17	0
01 DiLiegro, Dane	3-8	0-0	6	0
40 Tobey, Shawn	1-1	0-0	2	0

TOTAL FG%: 32.7%  
3-PT FG%: 33.3%  
F-THROW%: 83.3%

By KAT WILLIAMS

Senior Staff Writer

After defeating the UNH Wildcats last Saturday, the Vermont men's basketball team improved their overall record to 7-9, and sit fourth in the America East with a regular season record of 2-2.

The Cats opened their regular season at Patrick Gym with a win against Binghamton University, 71-60.

The opener saw three Vermont players making double figures. Sophomore Marqus Blakely had 21 points, while senior Kyle Cieplicki added 18 and junior Mike Trimboli put in 16 of his own.

UVM continued on to Albany where they suffered a familiar defeat, losing 80-79 in overtime to the Great Danes.

Again, the Cats had three players in the double figures, Blakely dumping in 23 points while Trimboli added 17 and Cieplicki had 11.

Brian Lillis of Albany had a game-high 29 points while Brian Connelly added 15.

The Cats continued their road trip to take on UMBC, losing to the Retrievers 78-60.

Blakely was Vermont's high-scorer, putting up 17 points and seven rebounds. Trimboli followed closely with 12 points and two assists.



On Saturday, Jan. 12, UVM took on UNH at home, defeating the Wildcats in a close 64-61 game.

Vermont had four players with double figures, while UNH shot a lousy 9.5 percent from the field in the first half.

Trimboli had a game-high 19 points, followed closely by freshman Evan Fjeld who scored a career-high 14. Blakely also added 12 points while junior Colin McIntosh had 10.

UVM travels to Maine Wednesday to take on the Black Bears (1-1 America East) and will try to improve their record to 3-2.

# Rising and falling through the new year

By NICK DECARO

Senior Staff Writer

The women's basketball team went on a tear in December, winning four of six games and stands 0-2 in the New Year.

The Lady Cats sit at 10-4 overall and 1-0 in America East play over conference foe Stony Brook.

The Catamounts are lead by junior Amy Rosencrantz and sophomores Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos, all of whom average double figures in scoring.

Pilypaitis also leads the team in assists and rebounds on the season.

One of Vermont's two losses came to Big East powerhouse Louisville and the other at the hands of Robert Morris.

In the conference opener the Cats defense stifled the Stony Brook offense in the first half, holding them to 16 points and only 20 percent shooting from the floor.

A strong first half and stellar shooting at 50 percent boosted them to a 17-point half time lead.

Pilypaitis poured in a game-high 23 and Rosencrantz chipped in 13.

Freshman Tonya Young grabbed eight rebounds, while juniors Kelli Poles and Andrea Cihal snatched six boards and contributed five points each.

The Cats walked away with a decisive 61-49 win and solid start to conference play.

UVM's home opener comes on Jan. 16 when they take on Albany at Patrick Gym, the first of a four-game conference homestand.

# Cats notch two in the victory column

By ZACH PARKER

Sports Copy Editor

While classes were in an interim, the UVM men's hockey team was able to stay busy and focus on solid play, skating in a total of five games.

The Catamounts notched a 4-3 overtime victory against St. Lawrence University on Dec. 15, and a second win in a 4-3 shootout following a 1-1 tie with Holy Cross in the first round of the Catamount Cup.

The latter contest proved to be not as thrilling for the Cats as Quinnipiac University defeated Vermont 4-1 in the final to take the cup home to Connecticut.

Vermont continues to be

led by junior Dean Strong, whose 15 points and 13 assists are team highs.

The New Year ushered in another changing of the guard in the net.

In early December, head coach Kevin Sneddon replaced senior goalkeeper Joe Fallon in favor of sophomore Mike Spillane, but the Spillane experiment ended with the Holy Cross game.

Fallon returned to the net and helped lead his team to a victory.

Fallon seems to be the choice to remain in net for the Catamounts this season, but the quality of his play will determine UVM's fate against a tough slate of Massachusetts-based squads over the next months.

The upcoming schedule includes a tough Northeastern team and UMass, which is currently ranked fifth in the nation.

While the Catamounts seem to have some sturdy momentum as they head toward the homestretch of their season and Hockey East play, they will face many poised challengers.

With powerful play over the next couple of months UVM could cause problems for many teams in March.

## Just the Facts

**Head Coach:** Kevin Sneddon  
**Returning/Lost Letterwinners:** 19/9  
**Captain:** Mark Lutz  
**Assistant Captains:** Corey Carlson, Dean Strong  
**Last Year's Record:** 18-16-5 (12-10-5 Hockey East)  
**NCAA Appearances:** 1987-88, 1995-96, 1996-7  
**Frozen Four Appearances:** 1995-1996

# Winless, but still improving

By JASON BUSHEY

Assistant Sports Editor

The women's hockey team had a rough go during winter break, losing all four of their matches, but the young Catamount team continued to make steady progress over the four-game stand.

In their first game back from an extended holiday layoff, UVM dropped the first of a two-game set at Bemidji State.

The Cats lost 4-1, a deceiving final score given that all four of the Beavers' goals came in the first quarter.

UVM's sophomore goalie Kristen Olychuck finished the game with 31 saves.

The second game was tight the whole way.

After a late goal from freshman Peggy Wakeham, UVM could not find the equalizer and lost a second to the Beavers, 3-2.

The Cats returned home to Gutterson Fieldhouse on Jan. 5 to be defeated by a strong Clarkson team, 5-1.

Once again, the young Catamounts shook off the loss and made great strides in the second game of their homestand.

Though they would fall, 3-1, Olychuck had another strong game, netting 34 saves.

Junior forward Sarah Smiddy chipped in the Catamount's lone goal, her third of the year.

Despite the losses, UVM's youngsters have continued to improve as the season progresses, something that is vital to the team given the pivotal conference matches ahead in January and February.

With the exception of their leading point-getter, senior forward Kate Lesniak, four of the top five point leaders are freshmen.

UVM heads into the heart of its schedule and makes a second trip to Minnesota for a two-game bout with St. Cloud State.

UVM will look to lean on the strong freshman class in hopes of halting the current losing streak.

## LAST TIME OUT

Friday, Jan. 11  
UVM: 0-1-0-1  
UMass: 2-1-2-5  
Saturday, Jan. 12  
UVM: 0-0-0-0  
UMass: 2-1-3-8

**Hockey East Standings**  
1. New Hampshire 19-3-0  
2. Connecticut 15-4-3  
3. Providence 9-8-2  
4. Boston College 8-7-4  
5. Boston University 6-9-2  
6. Northeastern 4-12-2  
7. Maine 1-18-2  
8. Vermont 4-13-1

Next Game:

Jan. 18

Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:05 p.m.



Vermont Catamounts (4-9-5, 3-5-3) vs. Northeastern Huskies (11-5-2, 8-4-1)



## THE BEST ALBUMS: By Molly Shaker

## 2007

We realize that you've probably seen far too many "Best and Worst" of 2007 lists and "What to Look For in 2008" by now, but in an effort to be really hip, here is a list of who your very own *Vermont Cynic* considers some of the best and worst musical acts of '07... and who to keep an eye out for in '08.

### Graduation, Kanye West

Who would have thought to sample 70's German krautrock band Can on a hip hop album? Kanye mixes some of the most unexpected tracks with his innovative style. *Graduation* is proof that Kanye is more than willing to work outside the boundaries that his hip hop contemporaries have so rigidly safeguarded.



### The Reminder, Feist

Not all of us are for the spill-your-heart-out-in-a-song-whose-lyrics-may-very-well-be-from-a-diary-entry but Feist's *The Reminder* has a little something for even the most unexpected indie rock listener. A guitar and a wholly beautiful voice, *The Reminder* serves as, err, reminder that anyone who ever said chicks can't rock should probably shove it.



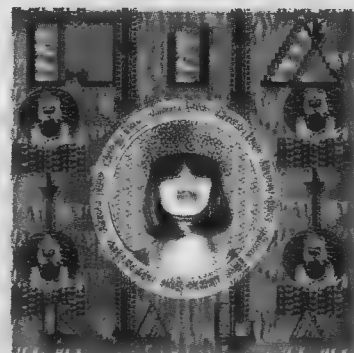
### Person Pitch, Panda Bear

Picture this: watching the perfect sunrise in a foreign country – preferably Portugal, home to *Person Pitch*'s Noah Lennox aka Panda Bear. That's what this album sounds like and we think that's pretty good. Panda Bear – also member of experimental rock group Animal Collective – has created an album of epically stellar proportions.



### Kala, M.I.A.

Okay, so, if you've read almost any best-albums-of-2007 lists then you've definitely come across this one. But, hopefully you already own it – or have at least heard it. There are a lot of us who can't stand those overly political song lyrics, but *Kala* is so badass that that probably won't even faze you.



### In Rainbows, Radiohead

Not to be a broken record but if you've read almost any best-albums-of-2007 lists then you've definitely come across this one. Sorry, but it's true. We're pretty convinced at this point that Radiohead just won't let us down. *In Rainbows* rules.





# AND THE WORST SINGLES:

## "This is Why I'm Hot" - Mims

You know, it really sucks when an MC raps over one of the better beats of the year but then lands himself on the All-Knowing *Vermont Cynic's* Worst Singles of 2007. And you know why he screwed himself over? Well, it happened when he started

singing: "THIS IS WHY I'M HOT/ THIS IS WHY I'M HOT/ THIS IS WHY, THIS IS WHY, THIS IS WHY I'M HOT." Seriously, this is why you're not.

## "Bubbly" - Colbie Caillat

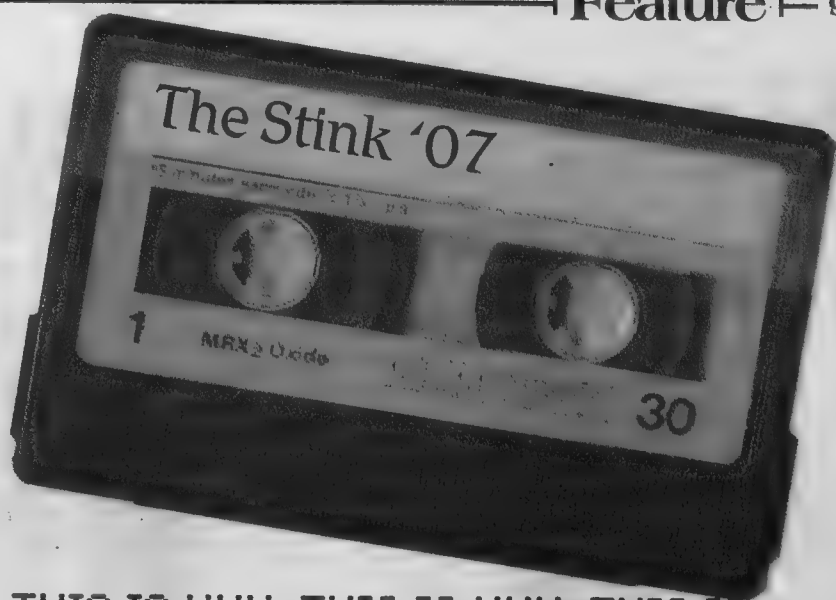
Where Feist succeeded in creating an album in which she spills her guts in an unmushy sort of way, Colbie Caillat has failed. Miserably. At least the guitar chords are pretty. Sort of.

## "Party Like a Rock Star" - Shop Boyz

As bad as this one might be, "Party Like a Rock Star" is actually kind of funny. The best part is when they shout out "t-t-totally duuuude!" – but we're pretty sure the Shop Boyz weren't going for any sort of comedic value. Oh, and – if we hear one more "Party Like a Rock Star" ringtone, we're not really sure what's going to happen to us.

## "Rockstar" - Nickelback

"I WANT A NEW TOUR BUS FULL OF OLD GUITARS/ MY OWN STAR ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD/ SOMEWHERE BETWEEN CHER AND/ JAMES DEAN IS FINE FOR ME." Dream big, Nickelback.



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN

By John McMillin

# 2008



Italian house fiends Crookers tear it up.

Here's what you music junkies should keep an eye out for in '08. If anything seems intriguing, you can find these artists on Hype Machine ([www.hypem.com](http://www.hypem.com)), the mp3 blog tracker, or at their Myspace pages. The Internet has made the consumption of new music effortless so listen deep and enjoy!

## Santogold

Brooklynite Santogold opened for Bjork last year and her debut features production from Switch (who produced most of M.I.A.'s *Kala*) and Diplo (who you should already know). Vocally, she comes across as a pre-Harajuku Girls Gwen Stefani mixed with an American M.I.A. She defies easy categorization; her music is an eclectic mix of hip hop, indie guitar riffs, dub, and experimental dance.

## Evaline

Based out of Turlock, California, this ambient, post-rock group is known for their epic buildups to climactic crescendos. This is stoner-friendly indie rock that is perfect for those of you unafraid to take a trip with the iTunes visualizer.

## Crookers

This duo of Italian house producers just might be the third-wave heirs to Daft Punk's mighty second-wave electro throne. Crookers uses full-bodied bass lines with a definite focus on the low end of the sonic spectrum. Don't miss their remixes of Chemical Brother's "Salmon Dance" and Timbaland's "The Way I Are." Some critics are calling this stuff hyper bass. We won't argue.

## High Places

Brooklyn-based duo whose ethereal music falls somewhere between the calculated naïveté of early Beat Happening and the heavily processed soundscapes of Panda Bear's *Person Pitch*. Singer Mary Pearson's voice is hipster-clad pixie floating through the mix. Spend a few minutes with their song "Shared Islands" and you'll get the picture.

## Paper Route Recordz

With its strangely beautiful Final Fantasy theme sample (video game, not violin-toting indie act), this dirty south label based out of Huntville, Alabama has brought us "Bama" – one of the most distinctive and doleful hip hop joints to find The Cynic's Macbook speakers in years. Equally beautiful, PRGz's "Woodgrain" includes an eerie vocal sample that wouldn't sound out of place in a John Carpenter movie. This is for those who like their hip hop dark. Don't sleep on this!



# Best fit jean - Men's Edition -

The Cynic went in search of the perfect men's jean, and who would know better than the men themselves! Here's what we found.

By EMILY PICCONE  
Senior Staff Member



Style 1

Sebastian Torres, a freshman, says he would never be caught around campus in ripped jeans.

He's looking casual yet trendy in a pair of grey slim jeans which he found at Urban Outfitters for fifty dollars.

He likes this style so much (what he describes as slim, but not skinny) that he has this exact jean in blue, black and dark grey denim as well.

Sebastian actually buys these skinny jeans one size too big to get the style and fit that he wants.



Style 2

Max Fein is a senior here at UVM and has been wearing these worn pair of Calvin Klein jeans for three years now. The jeans are thin and loose from constant wear, but that's how Max says he likes them.

Because of his tall frame, he says it's hard to find jeans that are long enough, but these do the trick. They fit so well that he actually has four pairs of them.

These jeans Max picked up for \$35, and they seem like they've been a good investment.



Style 3

Andrew Laprade, a sophomore, is willing to spend a little more for his jeans to be the perfect fit.

Here he's featured in a pair from Abercrombie and Fitch, costing him \$80.

Andrew prefers dark wash jeans, but a lighter wash is more appropriate for the daytime he says.

Right now Andrew is rotating five pairs of jeans in his closet, all of which are on the slimmer side, as the baggy jean isn't really his look.



Style 4

Dave Schlansky, senior, feels that comfort is a top priority when jean shopping.

He picked up his light wash jeans at Old Navy for \$25, and has had them for about two weeks. They're loose, but not too baggy, exactly how he likes his jeans to fit.

Dave has three pairs of jeans, and decided that once a pair of jeans is ripped, that they're no longer in his line up of jeans.

(photo illustration by Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

## DESCRIPTSCENE 481 MAIN STREET

By HAYLLEY JOHNSON

Cynic Staff Member

Hiking to a professor's office hours, generally in the freezing cold morning air, is always frustrating.

Yet the excitement is overwhelming on the mornings that I visit my English professor's office, located in the Classics and Religion building.

The front of the building appears to be humble, with a simple porch and a squat set of somewhat creaky stairs. Even the front door is frustratingly difficult to handle.

Once inside, it is obvious that the fight was completely and utterly worth it.

The entire place teeters with the smell of old house, reminding one of Christmas or the essence of a dusty book that has been perched on a shelf for all eternity.

Once regaining a sense of smell after the initial entry, the hallways on either side of the two front doors are generally empty. The entire building is as peaceful as it is here.

After the hallways, I notice the stairs. They are nicked wooden steps that come from another age, possibly right after Victorian England.

Each step feels like one could fall through to the basement, yet I always take comfort in the large window that greets me at the first bend in the stairs.

Even if it is raining or snowing outside, the window gives only the slightest hint of the chill, the house a delicate but steadfast shelter from the wind and the cold.

My English professor's office is at the top of the two flights of stairs, each one conveniently providing a landing and a window.

The second floor always has a

class happening off to the right as one walks down the first corridor to reach the second flight of stairs.

This particular classroom is a bookshelf, and everyone in it seems like they are basking in the wooden comfort and the ancient knowledge that have been steeped into each board.

The final floor, the third floor, is tucked into the top of the building. Offices clustered around the edges of it, fighting to get farther away from the edge, the winter chill or the summer heat.

A bench is placed precariously in the hallway, and one can almost see it begging not to be tripped over. Even so, this bench does its job well and is comfortable, at least in a hard bench sort of way.

From door to bench, the house is a silent beauty, lying amongst the trees and the snow; it's a little reminder of the comforts of home.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

The Classics and Religion building is a cozy place to relax in an otherwise hectic school environment.

## A-broader view

By STEPHEN R. HAUSMANN

Foreign Correspondent

How did you welcome 2008 into the world?

Champagne by the waterfront? Watching a ball drop 20 feet while extolling another year gone by? I spent mine in Amsterdam.

With my parents.

Don't bother asking The Question, as I'm 4,000 miles away and can't answer and won't be doing so in this column anyway. How irritating it must be for the mayor of Amsterdam, knowing your city is known the world over for an infamous, stinky legislative quirk and a particular street hue a particular color.

Surely both help tourism; every third person I saw, it seemed, was straight off the UVM campus, either sporting Red Sox or Bob Marley gear, and many (especially the latter) had a content, glazed look to their face.

But to have a mention of such a culturally significant metropolis bring only a snicker and images of green and red to minds of potential visitors must be frustrating.

That said, as my family stepped off the plane, both of my parents agreed that the single most important stop on our trip was to be the Red Light District.

I, 20 years old and at the height of my sexual prowess (or so I like to think) had absolutely no desire to wander down a sex-reeking, gaudy avenue with my two 50-something year old parents.

Apparently, they wanted nothing more out of this trip than to gawk at 50-something year old whores who look

more at home chain smoking menthol Salems in a dive bar somewhere than enticing potential customers.

And that, come evening, was exactly what we saw.

There is an acute sensation of the surreal when one has a middle aged woman licking her lips at you while walking with the similarly aged woman who gave birth to you.

It was a titanicly awkward clash of worlds, only compounded at my father's suggestion that we "check out that store over there - the one with all the leather in the window!"

I took stock of my options and decided waiting outside amongst the prostitutes and tourists would be safer for my psyche and took the time to ponder how exactly I was stuck with two children of the sixties as parents whose main interest in Amsterdam was reliving some semblance of the sexual liberation of their day.

Watching the predominantly American hordes wander by, with their fanny packs and cameras swinging about their puffed bellies, it struck me just how weak-minded my skulking was.

Sure, they might not have any concept of parent-son awkwardness, but surely having parents who are downright cool enough to want to take their son to the vice mecca of Europe can't be a negative.

It's certainly better than watching the fireworks from I-490 in Rochester like most years, and I suppose, in their own way, it's an attempt to bring us closer as a family.

Doesn't the old adage go: the family that giggles at dildos together, stays together? Or something like that?

I was in a bit more comfortable mood when they wandered back into the neon red light, wishing to press on.

I agreed and even suggested that we all take a trip to one of Amsterdam's numerous coffee shops.

For the coffee, of course.







(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

We've all had one of these moments.

# Ugh! Moments

## What to do when...

By SARAH ANDERS  
Cynic Correspondent



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Dropping your phone never ends well.



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There's no use crying over spilt wine.

### You spill red wine

You and your friends have decided to go for classy and you're drinking red wine (okay, so it's \$5 wine out of plastic cups, but the sentiment stands).

The booze is flowing, the pizza's disappearing, and all of a sudden your friend reaches over everyone to grab the last slice. As if in slow motion, the wine spills all over your table, your floor, and your new shirt.

First order of business: Don't panic.

Once you've got that under control, dealing with the rest is easy.

Mix a tablespoon of hydrogen peroxide and a tablespoon of detergent. With a

sponge, gently blot the fabric. Then toss it in the washing machine.

As for any wooden surfaces, Murphy's Oil Soap is a must-have. In fact, every household DOES have some, but your dorm room might not. It's less than five dollars and you can grab it on your next Ramen run to Hanaford's.

Don't have hydrogen peroxide or Murphy's Oil Soap?

Not interested in buying it?

Well, do your best with paper towels and don't worry so much. You're in college. Besides, haven't you always wanted a pink table?

### You nicked yourself while shaving

You've cut yourself while shaving, and now you're stuck with a little, painful cut that seems as though it won't stop bleeding until you need a transfusion.

Fear not! There is a way to cauterize the wound.

Press an ice cube on it

for about two minutes. Then put an antibiotic lotion to prevent infection, and top it off with a band-aid.

If the nick is on your face, please don't worry about the facial band-aid look: Nelly himself rocks it, and the man is full of "pimp juice."

### The Grundle's Rice Krispie Treats are stale

Yes, word on the street is that the Grundle only makes Rice Krispie Treats on alternating days, leaving thousands of oppressed UVM students to munch unhappily on stale dessert.

You can sit at the dining hall and suffer in silence, or you can take action.

Here's how you make Rice Krispie Treats in your

very own dorm room.

You'll need Rice Krispies, butter and marshmallow, pour yourself a bowl of said treats and add 2 spoonfuls of butter. Then toss in 3 or 4 large marshmallows.

Heat for 1 minute. Mix well. Consume. Adjust measurements according to personal taste.

### You drop your cell in the toilet

You're answering a text message while, er, taking care of business (don't worry, no one's judging) and all of a sudden your hand slips. You have become just another statistic: a person who has dropped their cell-phone in the toilet.

First of all, strap on some latex gloves and get it out of there.

If you don't have latex, use tongs.

If you don't have tongs, you better just close your

eyes, take the plunge, and then disinfect like none other.

Once you've got the phone, remove the battery and the SIM card. Dry them off with paper towels and go to a repair store, where they can dry the inner parts.

Or, depending on how much the repairs cost, a new phone could be worth it. Preferably one of those new waterproof ones they're manufacturing in South Korea.

### You can't find music you love

Your friends are more than willing to make you a mix, but they only like [insert annoying emo bands, experimental/indie music, gangsta, or whatever type of music you find particularly distasteful].

Go to <http://www.pandora.com>, a site that finds you music based on you like. You

can make radio stations based on either a song or an artist that you love, and you can create as many as you want.

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You can find new music to download or just play a song you'll most likely enjoy without paying a dollar.

### Your friend gets sick from drinking

You're coming back from a party and your friend appears to be dangerously drunk. Friend duties require you to do more than simply hold their hair back or make fun of their crazy antics.

When they pass out on the couch, check for these signs of alcohol poisoning: bluish or clammy skin and weird breathing (less than 8 breaths per minute or more

than 10 seconds between them).

If these symptoms have not manifested themselves, keep prodding them every hour or so to make sure they're responsive, and turn them on their side to prevent choking on their own vomit in their sleep.

If you do suspect alcohol poisoning, call the police or the hospital.

## A Breath of Fresh Air

### Resolutions for the New Year

Hours after the ball drops in Times Square, when millions of people are sleeping off their hangovers or simply trying not to waste the first day of the year, the idea of a clean, fresh start is popping up in everyone's minds.



Emily Piccone

Whatever the New Year's resolutions may be (lose weight, exercise, go to your morning classes), there are other resolutions brewing, those of the candidates of the 2008 presidential election.

These are resolutions that candidates have been forming since the very start of President Bush's second term, and they put together their lists of resolutions for the New Year with this very President in mind.

President Bush has lead our country into war, into sky-high gas and heating prices, and lead us farther from the responsible world power that we should be.

While the number of candidates running is always changing, each is running on the basis of change.

So now it is your time to decide what the change is that you want.

Is it a speedy withdrawal of troops?

A reform in the failing health care system?

An energy mandate for once?

The candidates each have different opinions on these crucial issues, and it is for us to decide which are best.

Despite this desire for change, many of the Republican candidates hold a steadfast loyalty to America that is endearing and inspiring, and each speak of America as if it is on a pedestal.

But is it?

Do we want our next president to believe that America truly is the greatest and most powerful country in the world?

I think that the answer is yes.

It is what we do with this great power that is the true component, but I want a president that bleeds the colors of the American flag, and isn't busy complaining of the mess that Bush has left us in.

Although the stance of both Republican and Democratic candidates regarding change is very similar, the most crucial of issues, the energy crisis, continually leads me back to the left side.

I am repeatedly disappointed in the Republican candidates for their seemingly lack of care towards the energy crisis in this country and in the world at large.

More than one of the candidates have voted for drilling in Alaska, and only Mike Huckabee, former Governor of Arkansas, has outlined any type of fuel economy standards for cars.

I can understand this to be the case in 2000, or even 2004, but how could the presidential candidates for the United States of America, give that type of response to energy reforms in 2008?

It's time that we stop disassociating one issue from the other. The war in Iraq has everything to do with the energy crisis, as our deepening dependency on imports has to do with our less than thriving economy.

So with resolves intact, and with the long haul ahead, the 2008 presidential campaign starts off with a bang. Here's to a good race and a good year.



# The College Life:

## The Vodka Story

By SUSAN FLUFFERTON

Cynic Correspondent

My story all starts with a bottle of cranberry Smirnoff vodka.

Classy, eh?

Approximately one year ago, I had a bottle of this deliciousness stashed in my closet to bring back to school after Christmas break.

The morning I was packing to leave, I reached in the closet to grab the brown bag and realized it was gone.

Panic-mode ensued. I come from a pretty conservative, Christian family, in which my mother had always said I wasn't allowed to drink because "it's against the law."

Fortunately, because my parents are either a) super awkward or b) didn't want to address the fact I had a bottle of vodka chilling in my closet, they never said anything.

They instead went with the passive aggressive punishment, placing the bottle in the front of their liquor cabinet for me to see.

I had pretty much forgotten about the vodka until the following summer. It was a friend's birthday, we were going out, and desperate times called for desperate measures.

It appeared my parents hadn't touched the vodka, sans removing it from its brown bag during the six months it had sat in their

liquor cabinet.

I gathered two friends in my room and worked out an unnecessarily complex plan to take back the vodka.

While my friend Mollie chatted up my parents, I grabbed the bottle of vodka, poured the entire thing into a water bottle (classy, again) then refilled the bottle with water. Clutch. Or so I thought.

I checked on the bottle a couple times throughout the rest of the summer. It remained full (of H<sub>2</sub>O) and I assumed my parents would never actually drink it.

Fast forward to Thanksgiving. I came home for the week and out of habit I checked on my secret. It's a quarter gone.

I freaked out.

My best friend calmed me down and told me it was probably for a guest because

**I grabbed the bottle of vodka, poured the entire thing into a water bottle (classy, again) then refilled the bottle with water. Clutch. Or so I thought.**

a) a guest wouldn't complain about a drink and b) my parents don't drink cranberry Smirnoff.

My panic died down during the rest of the week, though I did make some half

hearted attempts to replace the bottle.

But really, I'm broke, and seventeen dollars is a lot of money to spend on a bottle of vodka that's not even for me.

I escaped the vodka situation when I headed back to Vermont after Thanksgiving.

I should have known that it would come back to haunt me.

Christmas break arrived and the 'vodka' once again became the 5th member of my family. I found the story so amusing that I tell both my older sister and brother about the circumstances, and again made half-hearted attempts to replace it.

Then the day of doom finally arrived. It came disguised peacefully as New Year's Day, in an ever-so subtle brunch with family friends from Switzerland.

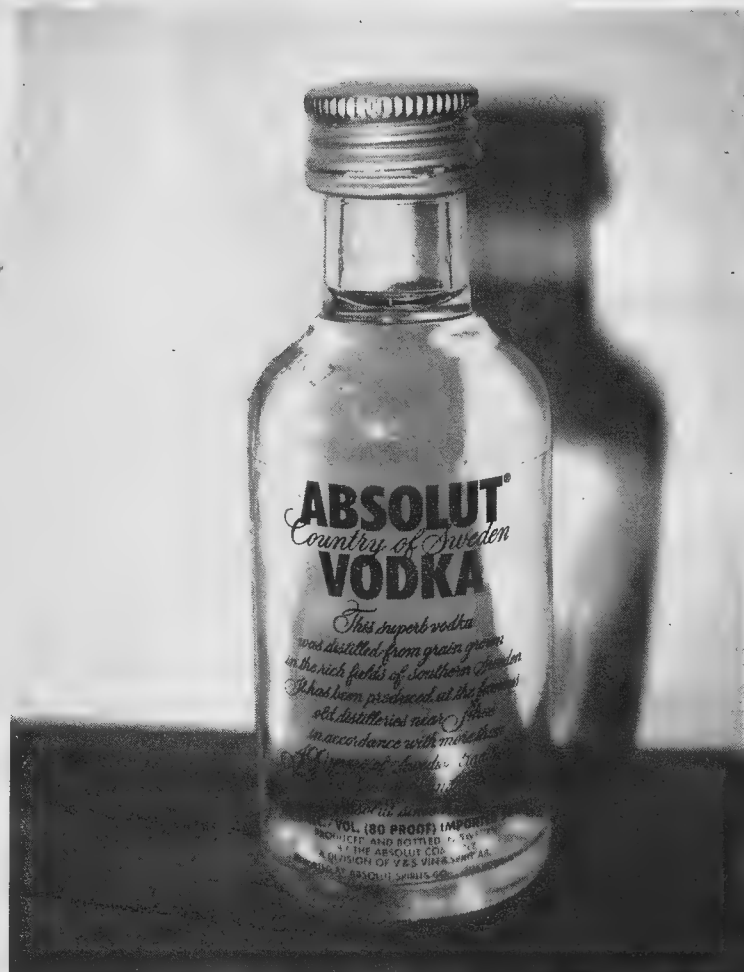
Everyone was making awkward small talk, while I was being the perfect daughter glazing the ham, when I heard the fateful words, "Who wants a Bloody Mary?"

Now why my dad would be making Bloody Marys with cranberry Smirnoff is a subject of its own discussion, but it's beside the point.

The point is, I watched in horror as my dad pulled the bottle of cranberry vodka from the liquor cabinet and poured it generously to concoct three Bloody Marys for our guests.

I continued to watch in horror as these people walked joyously around my house drinking said Bloody Marys.

I panicked. (I tend to do



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Although similar in color, there is a difference in bite between water and vodka.

this a lot, apparently). I called a friend to make a legitimate, albeit last minute attempt to replace the vodka.

Oh yeah, it's New Year's day and every liquor store is closed.

I couldn't stand another minute: the guests, the Bloody Marys and the bottle on the counter were all mocking me.

I pulled my mother into my room and informed her that I did something really bad but that she shouldn't get mad.

Having recently watched both "Juno" and "Knocked Up" that week, she horrifyingly asked, "Oh my god, are you pregnant?"

No mom, I'm not pregnant, but your cherished guests out there are drinking tomato juice and water. Yummy.

My mother let out a sigh of relief, and even a laugh as she asked, "They're drinking water Bloody Marys?"

Yes. Yes they are, now go stop it!

Luckily everyone finished their first drink without complaint, my mom informed my dad what was up, and everyone was served mimosas with brunch.

After the guest left, my mother requested that I tell

me father the "funny vodka story." (Thanks Mom, it's not that funny).

He clearly saw directly threw my lies as I blamed the incident on it being a "friend's bottle and she wanted it back" but none-the-less found it amusing.

Now I get jokes from them pretty much on a daily basis. When cooking with brandy the other night my mom asked "Did you replace this bottle with water too?"

No Mom, brandy isn't even clear.

And when asking what I wanted to drink with dinner the other night, my dad asked, "Do you some vodka? I have a whole bottle, do you want it on the rocks." Again, not funny.

Yet what I've learned from this year-long ordeal is that the closer you are to being 21, the more your parents come to accept the fact that you drink.

I'm still six months away, but alcohol has come out of the closet and evolved from something taboo into something my parents and I can joke and talk about. And that is almost as cool as being legal. Almost.

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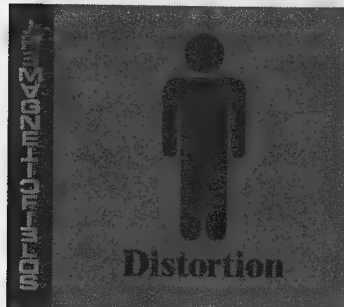
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## Distortion comes in loud and clear



The Magnetic Fields  
Distortion  
(Nonesuch Records)



Stephin Merritt embodies comedy and romance. His lyrics can be simultaneously heart-wrenchingly sad and the best joke you've ever heard.

Record  
Review

Meredith  
Rivlin

"Distortion," the Magnetic Fields' second release on Nonesuch after a shift from Merge for 2004's "i," has not shed an ounce of Merritt's wit or emotion, and both he and long-time collaborator Shirley Simms take turns under the vocal spotlight.

Merritt returns with his signature baritone crooning and sarcasm ("sober

life is a prison/ shit-faced it is a blessing/ sober nobody wants you/ shit-faced they're all undressing") joined by Simms' eerie yet poppy voice.

For fans of...

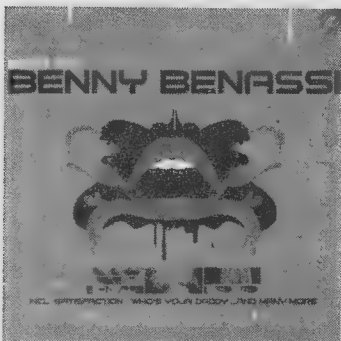
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Jens Lekman

If previous releases "69 Love Songs Volumes 1-3" (literally 69 love songs) and "i," on which each song begins with the letter "i," display Merritt's honesty, "Distortion" is no lie: the band uses experimentation in distortion and feedback

using unique instruments like the ukulele, flute and accordion, resulting in 13 similarly distorted songs that sound like nothing else but each other.

With the tremendous echoing drums and reverberating piano, "California Girls," a song against bleach blondes and fake tans, "Please Stop Dancing," a heartbroken plea, and "Too Drunk to Dream," a surrendering of emotions, are all pop songs at their cores but in the incomparable and evocative styling of Merritt's songwriting and production.

## Benny Benassi can't get no satisfaction



Benny Benassi  
Best of Benny Benassi  
(ZYX Music)



You might know Italian DJ Benny Benassi for his raunchy and hilarious 2002 video "Satisfaction," a hugely popular song enjoyed by many people not accustomed to European house.

Record  
Review

John  
McMillin

His music mixes electro, house and techno seamlessly into an immense sound that has made him one of the largest DJs in the world.

These are BIG tunes, and after blasting them through a set of decent speakers it is not difficult to understand why Benassi

became the dance music superstar he is today.

Upon going back and listening to Benassi's early singles it quickly becomes apparent how influential his brand of overblown, stadium-sized electro-house has been on the highly-blogged hyper bass sounds of contemporary artists Crookers, Drop the Lime and Fukkk Off.

For fans of...

Basement Jaxx  
Felix da Housecat

Unfortunately his sound, though incredibly innovative, varies little.

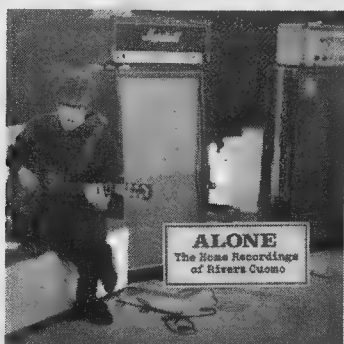
Ubiquitous are Benassi's

grimy, distorted bass lines, which, while equally sexual and manic, leave the listener underwhelmed when confronted with the prospect of a double-disc, 27-track monster; one quickly understands the common "it all sounds the same" complaint of Euro house.

The only deviation comes with his insipid vocal-trance tracks, which should have been left off these discs.

Grievances aside, this is music built for the club and if a DJ drops nearly any one of the tunes in the middle of a set the dance floor is sure to go ape shit.

## You best leave Rivers alone



Rivers Cuomo  
Alone: The Home Recordings  
of Rivers Cuomo  
(Geffen)



Rivers Cuomo, the poster boy for angstier geeks worldwide, is responsible for nearly half of the times a skinny, horn-rimmed glasses wearing twenty-something "got lucky" with a cute co-ed that would normally be out of his league. He is incredibly adept at writing jagged little pop-rock songs, all the while giving you the

Record  
Review

Connor  
Boals

impression that he might just not be able to find his trousers in the morning.

For fans of...

Weezer  
The Beach Boys

"Alone" makes sense for Rivers; it's a bundle of basement recordings, some experimental demos like the overlapping harmonies on "Buddy Holly," and other quirky novelties like the

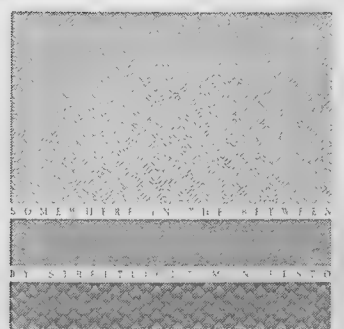
cover of Ice Cube's "The Bomb."

But mostly it's just poorly recorded Weezer.

The tunes are just more of the same, and since they are undercooked and lack the power of a backing band, Rivers' mopey garage-fuzz gets old fast.

If you aren't a Weezer diehard, download "Buddy Holly" and the "The Bomb" or just pass on it entirely, he's going to be sad and brooding either way.

## "We might make it after all"



Streetlight Manifest  
Somewhere in the Between  
(Victory Records)



Master singer/songwriter Tomas Kalnoky would like to take you on a journey that will best be described as epic! As the lead of the New Jersey based ska super act Streetlight Manifesto, he brings the genre to a thunderous pinnacle.

Record  
Review

Benjamin  
Silverman

Forget scenes and music genres and all the label hullabaloo; this album transcends music to something existential yet (again) epic. Think Greek tragedy meets Nietzsche meets Reel Big Fish. It'd better be that good seeing as it took four and a half years for it to come out!

The song travels through a kaleidoscopic journey

of brass section potential. The notes fly. Alto, baritone and tenor blend into shapes that'll make any marching band geek weep tears of joy. Forget jazz — cool or freeform — this band shows the greatest range you'll every get from that medium. The trombonist is lyrical without lyrics.

For fans of...

Reel Big Fish  
Ska-P

And then the actual lyrics! — self-reflecting, philosophical and deep meditations on the human experience that you can actually dance to. Streetlight's previous EP (four and a half freakin' years ago!) dealt heavily with

suicide and hopelessness while being quite happy-go-lucky. This album shows even more maturity as it conquers humanity as a mass with a skip in it's step.

That all being said, my only problem with this record besides the wait is that despite the nuts and bolts uniqueness of each track, many share a similar base structure — quick build-up, crescendo, slower build-up, crescendo.

Regardless, I highly recommend this band and album to all those whose ears haven't yet rotted away from mainstream trash and to anyone who wants to explore ska beyond the tired, unoriginal confines of Sublime.

## Diggin' in the crates

The B-Side raided WRUV's impenetrable music vaults and yanked some classic records. Ya'll never been in the know like this before. This is the real deal, and you — dear readers — need only reap the benefits.

Brooke Morrison, WRUV's music director, gives you guys the scoop on some essential records that every music fan should have in their collection.



Björk  
Volta  
(One Little Indian)

Okay, so it's a little late to jump on the bandwagon, but "Earth Intruders" and "Innocence" are enough to start a spontaneous dance party no matter where you happen to be.



Aretha Franklin  
Greatest Hits  
(Arista)

All you need is some Aretha and you will be ready to kick some behind. End of story.

Any Greatest Hits album that has "Think" or "I Never Loved a Man (The Way That I Loved You)" will do nicely.



The Blow  
Paper Television  
(K Records)

This band is headed by Khaela Maricich, former member of The Microphones who serenades us with her uniquely endearing voice about such things as the wonders of indoor plumbing. This (coupled with some pretty block-rocking beats) makes for a great album.



The Marvelettes  
Best Of (Millennium  
Collection)  
(Motown)

Oh, no no no. Whoa ooh oh. Oh oo no. Enough said.

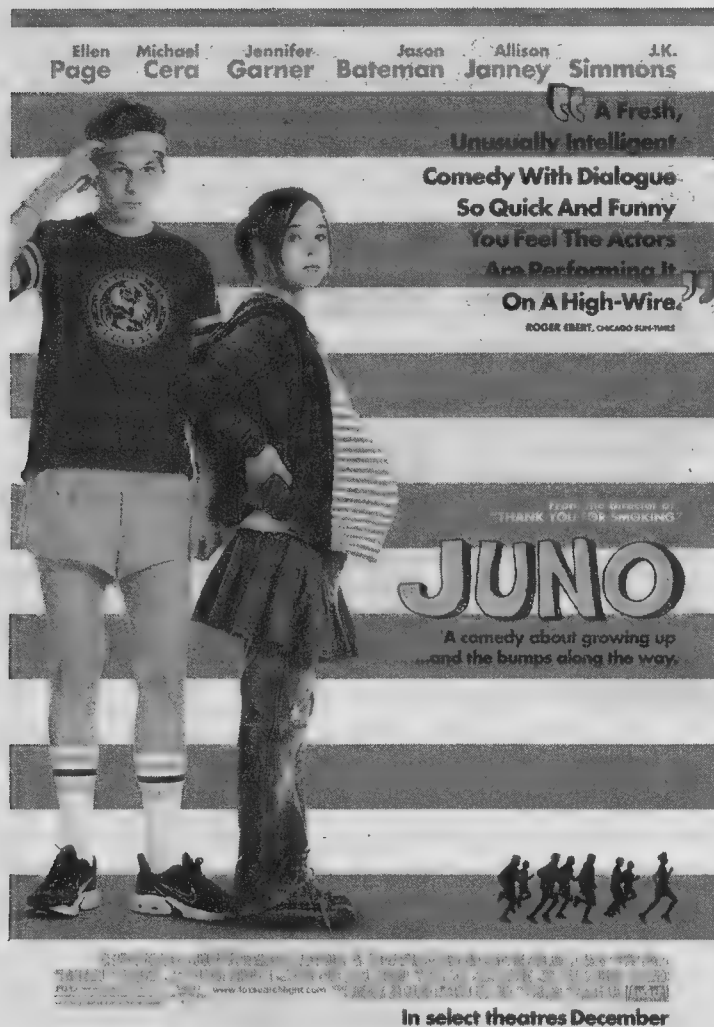


BARR  
Summary  
(5 Rue Christine)

Super simplistic style and extremely personal lyrics, nearly to the point of just talking about what he had for lunch yesterday (but much more deep and poetic of course). Listen to "The Song Is the Single" and you will be tapping your foot in a more aloof and alluring way than you ever dreamed was possible.



# Juno — A “cautionary whale” of a tale



By CONNOR BOALS

Assistant Managing Editor

As soon as the opening credits rolled, I began to worry. Was this cute, quirky comedy I had dreamt of actually in the vein of “The Squid and the Whale”? Was I in for 92 minutes of stark, utter boredom and a soundtrack, dialogue, and photography that screamed, “We are indie and therefore cool!”

But the acoustic crooning of Barry Louis Polisar faded into a hand-drawn sketch of the word “autumn” and there she was in all of her eccentric glory: the tiny, precocious Juno with a jug of Sunny D in hand on her way to take her third pregnancy test.

What followed was not an experiment in edgy filmmaking, but a combination of feel-good family dysfunction and strong, lovable characters — particularly the spectacular Juno, played by Ellen Page, her lovable blue-collar father, played by J.K. Simmons, and the gangly geek of a boy friend, Bleeker, played by Michael Cera.

As a film, “Juno” is honest, frank and forgiving, which is a stimulating take on the usual damnation pregnant teenage girls usually suffer on the big screen. Her parents don’t scream and shout when they find out about their daughter’s situation; nobody forbids

anyone from seeing anybody else ever again — except for Bleeker’s mother who Juno describes in deadpan as similar to “a hobbit.”

Which brings us to Juno: a beautifully written and even more beautifully acted character. Her dialogue is ripe with distracting quips that would render any character hard to relate and unbelievable.

## Movie Review

“Juno”  
Fox Searchlight  
Pictures

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her head and powerful in her delivery; never once do you question her sarcasm when she calls the clinic, greeting them with “Hello, I’d like to procure a hasty abortion.”

It’s not simply that she has impulsive, unprotected sex with her friend Bleeker, or that she decides, against the advice of parents and friends, to have the baby and give it up for adoption. These, indeed, are choices she is prepared to defend and to live with.

Rather, Juno’s intrigue resides in her familiar adolescent notion that she understands the world better than her elders do, and that she can finesse the accidental consequences of her decisions.

It is not the least bit theatrical considering that exaggeration colors mostly every word uttered on screen. The non-judgmental approach allows almost every character to come from his or her own perspective and place in the story, making them much more real than they let on.

We know that prospective adoptive mother, Vanessa (Jennifer Garner), is concerned with image and perception because we are introduced to her through her hands straightening pictures on the walls. We know that her husband, Mark (Jason Bateman), is not as enthusiastic about the adoption as his wife is because he shows up from a back room, apparently immersed in some work when Juno first arrives in their home. These kinds of subtle visual touches work as a healthy mother wanting to ensure that writer Diablo Cody’s script is born with a healthy heartbeat.

You will laugh when she describes herself as a “cautionary whale,” but more importantly you will smile and maybe even shed a tear of happiness as an unconventional, twisted, suburban tale turns cute and wholesome, and the main character’s trials are shrugged off as she finally finds the “cheese to [her] macaroni.”

## A new way to find fresh sounds

By JOHN MCMILLIN

A&E Editor

You’re in college now. It’s important to stay ahead of the musical curve but Music Television stopped playing music long ago and the radio just plays the same five songs. Luckily the new Web site Critical Metrics is right there for you.

Started by Joey Anuff, a former employee of the now-defunct [www.Suck.com](http://www.Suck.com), C.M. has maintained Suck’s obsession with indexing media, but his latest site is solely for the music fans.

In the vein of Hype Machine, Critical Metric indexes

the latest in internet-hyped tunes, but it does more than include the songs bloggers are hyping.

Whereas Hype Machine includes songs hyped by non-professional music critics, C.M. catalogues every song the real music authorities are talking about — from BBC Radio, to Pitchfork Media, to XXL, to Slate, just to name a few.

It’s perfect for those interested in finding the tunes getting the most buzz, but who don’t have the time to research the myriad daily, weekly and monthly publications discussing new music.

Visitors have access to

high quality audio supplied by [www.Rhapsody.com](http://www.Rhapsody.com), and video from Youtube and Yahoo! Music. If a music critic is talking about it somewhere than it’s on Critical Metrics with the accompanying music video.

Whether you’re interested in hearing Mojo’s “100 Singles You Must Own,” or Spin’s “Best Songs of 2007,” or just seeking that banger you heard while out last night, Critical Metrics has you covered with links to the original sites, reviews and streaming audio and visuals.

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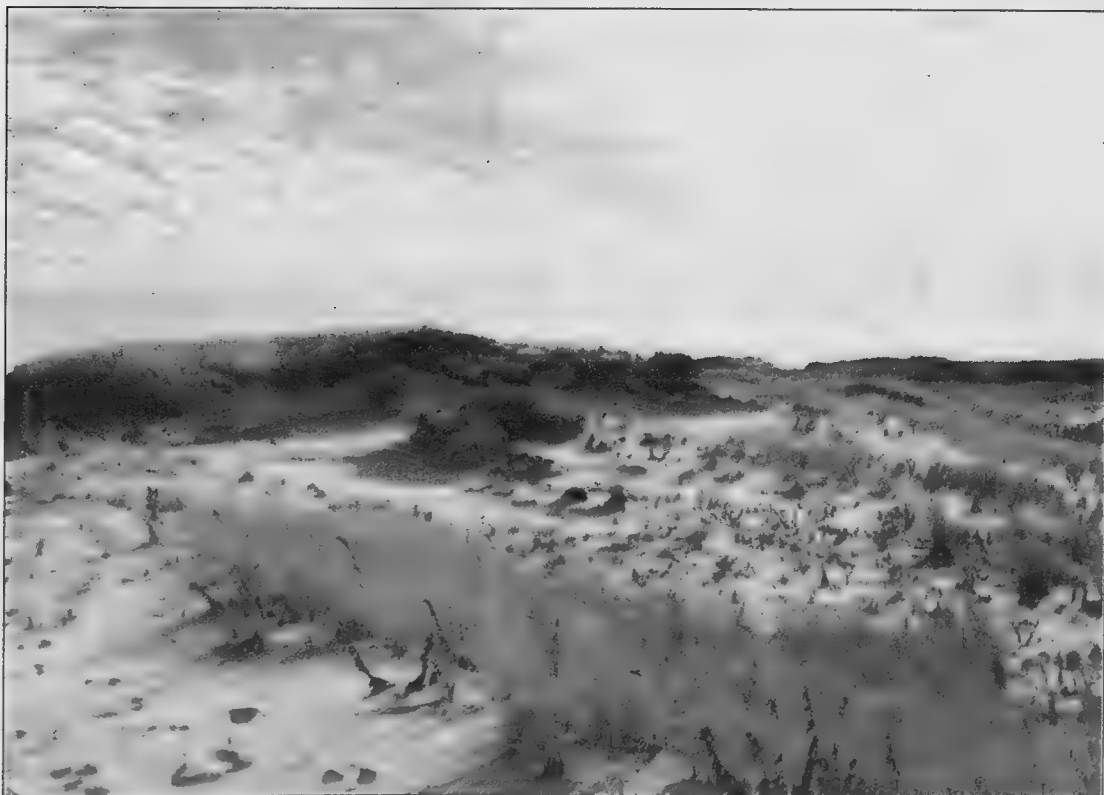
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The bright Radio Bean sign lights up downtown Burlington.



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Turkey Vultures sun themselves on the photographer's lawn in Doylestown, PA and scare geese away.



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The Sun lights up the clouds and sand dunes at Island Beach State Park, PA on New Year's day.

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## Defense attorney tries to suppress evidence

**Defense says police ignored 37 requests by Brian Rooney to speak with lawyer**

STAFF REPORT

The Vermont Cynic News Staff

A week of questioning in the Brian Rooney case was wrapped up after the prosecution showed a videotape of an attempted polygraph test that Detective Twohig administered at the State Police Barracks in Williston.

Brian Rooney, 37, of Richmond was named the main suspect after the disappearance and subsequent rape and murder of UVM student Michelle Gardner Quinn in October 2006.

Rooney's lawyer, David Sleight wants certain evidence removed, including the nearly five hour videotape, claiming police ignored Rooney's request for a lawyer.

The videotape was secretly filmed at the police barracks in the interim period between the disappearance of Michelle Gardner Quinn and the discovery of her body in Richmond.

The tape shows Rooney pacing back and forth in the interrogation room.

The videotape also showed Rooney asking for a lawyer several times.

"Rooney's attorney, David Sleight, has said there are

37 instances where the videotape shows police ignored Rooney's request to speak with his lawyer. Sleight wants the videotaped interrogation suppressed," stated the Burlington Free Press.

However, during the questioning of Detective Twohig by prosecution lawyer, Twohig identified a waiver form that Rooney had signed for the polygraph test. Twohig also told Rooney that if he felt uncomfortable being without his lawyer, he could put a note on the waiver, which he did.

Twohig said that he was just trying to find Gardner Quinn alive.

Twohig told Rooney numerous times that he was on his side and that he did not think he was a bad guy.

The tape shows Twohig telling Rooney that he was trying to help him.

The video also shows Rooney asking for his mother who was waiting for him outside.

During the test, Rooney said that he did not abduct "Michelle Quinn", whom Twohig explained was Michelle Gardner Quinn.

Twohig said he was trying to "dissuade" Rooney from leaving the test.

The prosecution also played a tape of Rooney discussing what he did the night that he ran into Michelle Gardner Quinn.

"I'm an emotional wreck. They think I'm guilty and I'm not," Rooney said.

The detective also said that what Rooney told them has not been 100 percent accurate but explains that he wants to help him.

The hearing will resume on Tuesday.



(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

## Catamounts push back against #9 Huskies

UVM handed Northeastern just their second conference loss Saturday night 5-2, following a 2-2 tie on Friday. Story on page A12.

## Marriage forum creates tension in Davis Center

By COLIN CONSTANTINE

Cynic Correspondent

The Vermont Marriage Advisory Council (VMAC) met on Saturday in the Silver Maple Ballroom to host a forum to address the question: Does Traditional Marriage Matter?

According to Dr. Patrick Fagan, clinical psychologist and president of the Family Research Council in Washington D.C., it does matter. Furthermore, he said, the future

of our children is at stake.

Fagan and Monte Stewart, president of the Marriage Law Foundation, compiled a detailed slideshow of facts that states the future of children's rights depends upon which method of institutionalized marriage is chosen. They concluded that traditional marriage is favorable over same-sex marriage.

The UVM Community met the VMAC with strong opposition.

Prior to the forum, UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel

issued an empathetic email to the UVM Community, urging the people to respect the VMAC and its opposition to same-sex marriage, while maintaining support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Ally (LGBTQA) community.

In his email, Fogel refused to position UVM against rights to freedom of speech, no matter how controversial the topic is.

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## Brattleboro looks to indict Bush and Cheney for crimes

**Brattleboro moves to add a ballot item that would indict President Bush and Vice President Cheney**

By ANNE COLEMAN

Cynic Correspondent

Last year, the southeastern Vermont town of Brattleboro voted to impeach President Bush. This year, local activist Kurt Daims wants to go one

step further.

Daims and a group of his supporters are attempting to get an item on the ballot for Town Meeting Day that would indict President Bush and Vice President Cheney for crimes against the Constitution, making them subject to arrest if they ever set foot in town, stated the Brattleboro Reformer.

Daims is seeking to find 440 citizens to support his initiative in order to get it on the Town Meeting ballot for citizens to consider on March 4.

According to the Brattleboro Reformer, the resolution states, "Shall the Selectboard instruct the Town Attorney to draft indictments against Pres-

ident Bush and Vice President Cheney for crimes against our

**"From my perspective, the Brattleboro Select board needs to focus on the town and the things that need to be done here."**

**-Steve Steidle  
Brattleboro Board  
Member**

Constitution, and publish said indictment for consideration by other municipalities?" It

does not state, after extradition, where the two would be tried for said crimes.

Dan DeWalt, the Newfane man who spurred the impeachment vote in Town Meeting last year, expressed his support in the Brattleboro Reformer, stating, "Mr. Daims and others who drafted the Indictment are acting in the same spirit, and with the same moral authority as our founders did in 1776."

Voices of dissent in the town include select board member Steven Steidle, who, according to the "Associated Press", believes that "[the indictment] is well outside of our ability. From my perspective,

the Brattleboro Select board needs to focus on the town and the things that need to be done here."

Even if the measure were to be passed on March 4, there are doubts as to its practicality and even legality.

According to Vermont Attorney General William Sorrell, who spoke with the Associated Press, "I have not seen the proposal, and I've done no legal research on any of the issues, but at first blush, if this passed, they'd have really uphill sledding trying to have it be legal and enforceable."

The White House did not comment on this issue.

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Meet the candidates of the SGA midterm elections



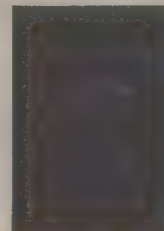
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Stressed this early in the semester? Here are some tips to keep your cool



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"There Will Be Blood" movie review



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# Meet the Candidates

Midterm elections are Tuesday. Read up on the candidates and vote.

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK

Assistant News Editor



## Emma Kennedy

Major: Political Science & Philosophy  
Minor: Sexuality & Gender Identity Studies, French  
Class: 2008

**Why do you want to be on the SGA Senate?**

I am an out and active member of the LGBTQA community at UVM. In the last four years I have increasingly seen the need for clearer communication between marginalized groups on campus and the body that should represent them. I would like to lend my voice to that cause.

**If you could work toward one accomplishment during your term on Senate, what would it be?**

I'd like to see more tolerance of diversity on campus. This could be accomplished through a stronger focus on mandatory education surrounding diversity issues and through better administrative support of the initiatives that already exist.



## Josh Miller

Major: Political Science  
Minor: History  
Class: 2009

**Why do you want to be on SGA Senate?**

I would like to get re-elected to the SGA senate to solidify the Club Sports Council and to ensure that clubs have enough money, not just to function, but also to prosper. I have served on SGA for two full years and in the fall of 2007 I went abroad to Italy. I also want to be the voice of students who can't speak up and demonstrate true student leadership.

**What are some of your biggest concerns regarding the University?**

My biggest concerns are with the new drug dog in the dorms, campus safety, and student clubs. I believe the drug dog violates students' right to privacy and should be removed from this campus. I want to ensure that every blue light on campus is working and I want to ensure clubs have enough money not only to function but also to prosper.



## Seth Corthell

Major: Economics  
Minor: Political Science  
Class: 2009

**If you could work toward one accomplishment during your term on Senate, what would it be?**

A reworking of the ridiculousness that is BPD's noise violation policy.

**What are some of your biggest concerns regarding the University?**

Tuition, Tuition, Tuition, and Tuition.

**Why did you choose your respective major?**

Economics is the base of all social sciences, since I'm very much interested in social sciences, I figured why not start out with the base.



## Drew Sander

Major: Political Science & Geography  
Class: 2009

**If you could work toward one accomplishment during your term on Senate, what would it be?**

The one single goal I have for my term on senate, if elected, is to improve the quality of life for students here at UVM. Tuition here, as with many other schools, costs a great deal and I believe that no penny of it should go to any program that does not benefit the student. I would like to make the tuition at this University, and those whose jobs are paid for by it, work harder for all of the students at this University.

**What are some of your biggest concerns regarding the University?**

My biggest concern regarding the University is the lack of student input in administrative decisions. As the primary source of income, I believe students deserve the right to have considerable input in the decision made by University and campus officials and administrators.



## Aaron Bernstein

Major: Political Science  
Class: 2010

**Why do you want to be on SGA Senate?**

I would like to be on the SGA Senate because I feel that all students should have a hand in shaping their community around them, and at the University of Vermont, the SGA is the best way for a student to do so.

**If you could work toward one accomplishment during your term on Senate, what would it be?**

To continue making UVM one of the models of environmental policy for not only universities, but businesses in general. Mainly focusing on our emission output and our level of participation in national environmental politics.

**What are some of your biggest concerns regarding the University?**

While a lot of students do not voice this concern, safety is a large issue. While UVM is not an unsafe community, working towards ensuring safety for all students is a great priority. This can be done through multiple venues, including academic safety, physical safety, and environmental safety.



## Rick Valenta

Major: Political Science & Philosophy  
Class: 2009

**Why do you want to be on SGA Senate?**

I want to be on the SGA Senate for a few reasons. Primarily because I feel that I have been a student long enough to be a well rounded and informed Senator: knowledgeable about both of the sentiments of the students, and the proceedings and issues of the University. I'm a junior, but served in the Army prior to coming to school. I feel that age and experience gives me an additional perspective that would help in representing constituents who, though my peers at school, are also several years younger than me.

**What are some of your biggest concerns regarding the University?**

My big concerns are fiscal. Where our tuition goes and how it is spent. Other concerns include SGA/student relations and student/community relations.



## Kelsey Paquette

Major: Human Development and Family Studies & Political Science  
Class: 2009

**Why do you want to be on SGA Senate?**

I would like to be a part of the SGA Senate as I feel it is important as a student to be involved in your school as much as possible. I was involved with Student Government throughout high school - I was Co-President of Student Council my senior year; I really loved being a part of this process as it made me feel more connected to my school. This is something I have really missed during my years at UVM and, to that end, something of which I would love to become a part.

**If you could work toward one accomplishment during your term on Senate, what would it be?**

I believe it is very important to focus on developing a stronger sense of community here at the University. Particularly as our University continues to grow, it will become increasingly important to focus on how we can make all students feel connected to their school and classmates, and not just a number in the crowd. It is a very exciting time to create this stronger sense of community; the Davis Student Center is just one example of the ever-increasing opportunities available to students at UVM. Furthermore, I believe the Davis Center provides the requisite infrastructure that will encourage increased student involvement and participation, and serve as the perfect hub for current and future student-related activities and groups.



## Brooke Morrison

Major: English & French  
Minor: Film  
Class: 2010

**What are some of your biggest concerns regarding the University?**

I am concerned about the lack of awareness or (apparent) apathy of the general student population. Many people are unaware of anything Senate does, including things that are much in their interest, such as the passing of certain resolutions. This is evident throughout the school, not just in matters regarding the SGA Senate. I think that it is important for students to learn to take an active interest in their elected government, as I think it will foster a more mature and responsible population for the future of our country when concerning the United States government.

**Why did you choose your respective major?**

I chose to major in both English and French. I chose to major in French because I am supremely interested in language and other cultures. I have been speaking French all my life and lived for a year in Brussels, Belgium, where the language really ingrained itself in my everyday life. I chose to major in English as well largely because of the same reason; I love language, and studying language and how people can interpret things in such different ways, depending on something as simple as word choice and order. I love literature and reading, and I also love to write and have somewhat of a knack for it. Thus, English was a perfect fit.



## Vasilis Varsakopoulos

Major: Business Administration  
Class: 2010

**If you could work toward one accomplishment during your term on Senate, what would it be?**

I would like to establish at least one designated training and game field for any of the athletic clubs.

**Why did you choose your respective major?**

I have always been interested in the science behind trade and money. Besides economics, which studies market trends, business administration is this science that delves into trade and in specific: marketing, finance, Management Information Systems, and many others. I couldn't see myself doing anything else. I believe I have a knack for business administration and eventually, hopefully, I will be able to use this science while running my own business.



# UVM partners with Dutch university

**Long-standing faculty relationship with Maastricht University formalized to increase research on environmental impacts on lung health**

By JULIA DROST  
Senior Staff Writer

UVM has recently formalized a long-standing informal research-based partnership with Maastricht University in the Netherlands.

The informal relationship had existed between the two institutions for several years based upon the faculty initiative by Dr. Yvonne Janssen-Heininger of the College of Medicine in the Department Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, according to Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies Frances Carr.

Dr. Janssen-Heininger received her Ph.D. from Maastricht University and in 1993 finished her postdoctoral fellowship at UVM, where she now operates a research lab, according to the College of Medicine website.

Dr. Janssen-Heininger has had graduate students from Maastricht coming to UVM for a number of years to work in her lab as a part of her research team, said Vice President Carr.

This faculty-led initiative has evolved and the partnership has strengthened over the years to the point of Maastricht University recently wanting to formalize the relationship, said Carr.

"The institution in Maastricht was interested in seeing if there was the possibility of expanding the partnership so it would involve more faculty, and perhaps the entire university as we explore different areas of commonality.

"The interest in expanding was really based on the common research areas and the common opportunities for training," said Carr.

These areas of research are focused around Dr. Janssen-Heininger's work on the impacts of environmental factors on lungs, namely lung cancer, and her work in the Vermont Lung Center includes research on epithelial cells in the body's airways and their response to allergens and pollutants, according to the College of Medicine website.

Of the formalized partnership Carr notes that a framework for dual-degrees for students has been established.

Furthermore, she "was particularly interested in supporting [the collaborators'] efforts partly because this would help advance the fundamental research and also provide some new opportunity to explore translational research."

"It's a research and an educational opportunity...and it always strengthens our research enterprise to have international collaborations."

This new agreement fits into a larger context as UVM becomes more internationally engaged.

According to Carr, UVM has many other affiliations around the world for research-based initiatives, notably a partnership with the University of Tasmania, two universities in China based upon UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel's initiative, and fellowships with schools in Vietnam and at the University of Natal in South Africa, said Carr.

International affiliations are opportunities for learning and many of the partnerships UVM has can be termed "umbrella agreements", according to Carr.

This means that UVM and a partnering institution "agree in principle to a set of activities that we would like to see flourish: ... undergraduate student exchange ... graduate programs co-developed ... enhanced research collaborations."

Those are the three principles under which these broad umbrella agreements get signed."

There were a lot of people from UVM involved in the decision-making process for the Maastricht agreement to analyze resources, understand the implications, and decide whether a formalized partnership makes sense, said Carr.

Ultimately, Carr recognized that "it's an exciting opportunity for faculty, staff, and students. We are looking out globally. In the long term it will really impact the educational opportunities for undergraduate students."

"We have a wide variety [of institutional affiliations]. When these make strategic sense for UVM and are recognized as providing an opportunity that will help faculty and students in the long run, then we would certainly pursue these opportunities, as UVM becomes a more internationally engaged," said Carr.

# RA's winter training focuses on social justice

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO  
Senior Staff Writer

For all new and returning Resident Advisors, the start of the spring semester begins a few days early.

Before students are admitted back, Resident Advisors (R.A.'s) are expected to attend a three-day Winter Workshop designed to sharpen their skills and ready them for the next five months in the Resident Halls.

"Winter Workshop is a time to reconnect and reflect on how things went in the fall," Senior Assistant Director of Residential Life, Kathy Cook, said.

"We ask ourselves two questions," she said. "What areas need more attentive training and how much deeper can we go?"

Each year there are six main topic areas that R.A.'s are expected to address in the Resident Halls: academics, alcohol and drugs, wellness, global responsibility, social justice, safe sex, and sexuality.

This January, the board of Residential Life decided to launch a sole concentration on social justice and diversity.

Cook assures that no incident in the fall semester particularly sparked this focus; it is standard.

"This is nothing new," she said, "I have been the chair of R.A. training for three years, and we have been concentrating on social justice for a while."

Training related to social justice and diversity is so important because it helps R.A.'s to build communities that include every type of student, according to Cook.

"We want everyone to feel valued, comfortable, and affiliated because research has shown that the more affiliated a student feels, the more he or she will succeed in college," she said.

According to the Department of Residential Life, the social justice curriculum includes six different programs designed to promote understanding and awareness. Some of the programs included are self-discovery, inclusive language and hate/bias related incidents, and taking action and becoming an ally/advocate.

Each R.A.'s program will be each be designated to one of the six programs and expected to create educational bulletin boards that pinpoint specific parts of the program.

The programs also aim to provide Community Development Activities (CDA), such as floor meetings, dinners and snowball fights, Cook said.

"I think the message they want to send is important," said senior R.A. Rachel Welicky. "There is not much diversity on campus here at UVM, but making people more aware is a good step."

Another senior R.A., Averill Earls, agrees. "It's good to educate students about social justice especially those that come from sheltered upbringings."

"I am excited to see what kind of variety each program will have," she said.

There are students who agree with the social justice and diversity focus, while others are unsettled.

"I don't know if it will help," freshman Ian Altendorfer said. "We already have to take six credits of diversity classes."

"We are going to flood ourselves with information until we stop caring," he said.

Still, according to Cook, the intent of the social justice and diversity focus is to further show UVM students how to become more accepting and tolerant.

"Education in topics like diversity gives individuals no reason to question the experiences of other people, especially because most that come to UVM have similar backgrounds," Cook said.

## COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

- On page one, Professor McIntosh is not a member of the nursing faculty. She is a full professor in School of Business Administration.
- On page nine from the piece about Paper Route Recordz, The song called "Bama" is actually called "Bama Getting Money." The town is called Huntsville, Alabama, not Huntville.

# UVM Dems look to "take back the White House" in '08 election

By ALISON STOUT  
Senior Staff Writer

The UVM College Democrats have already started preparing for the late 2008 Presidential elections.

They are "initiating a comprehensive program of voter registration, fundraising, and volunteer recruitment in anticipation of the fall election," said Vice-President Eddy Foster.

"All we have planned is voter registration at this point," said President Ryan Krodel.

"Eventually we'll plan a get-out-the-vote effort to get kids to the polls and make sure out of state students get and file absentee ballots," he said.

The group "has not and will not endorse anyone besides Democratic nominees, and any work members have been doing for Obama, Clinton, Edwards or otherwise has been purely extracurricular," Foster said.

He added that many of the College Democrats have been working for campaigns and are "excited to take back the White House in November."

Although the College Democrats are the only recognized

**"Any work members have been doing for Obama, Clinton, Edwards or otherwise has been purely extracurricular."**

-Eddy Foster  
College Democrats

political group on campus due to the de-recognition of the College Republicans last year, Krodel stated that they "aren't in control of the campus for

national political groups."

"Many students are independents, and may have liberal leanings, but do not wish to register with a political party," he said.

"There are also several student groups that support primary candidates, which we aren't necessarily involved with," he said.

The group is focusing their efforts on local elections to prepare for the national elections in November.

"We will be first sharpening our teeth with the upcoming local elections on Town Meeting Day by working to re-elect City Councilor Ed Adrian here in Burlington, as well as working for other Democratic candidates," said Foster.

They then plan to "carry this momentum into November," Foster said, and use all of their resources to support the Democratic Presidential candidate.



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Using statistical evidence, Fagan and Stewart made it very clear that an increased divorce rate is a major contributor to the increased poverty rate in the United States.

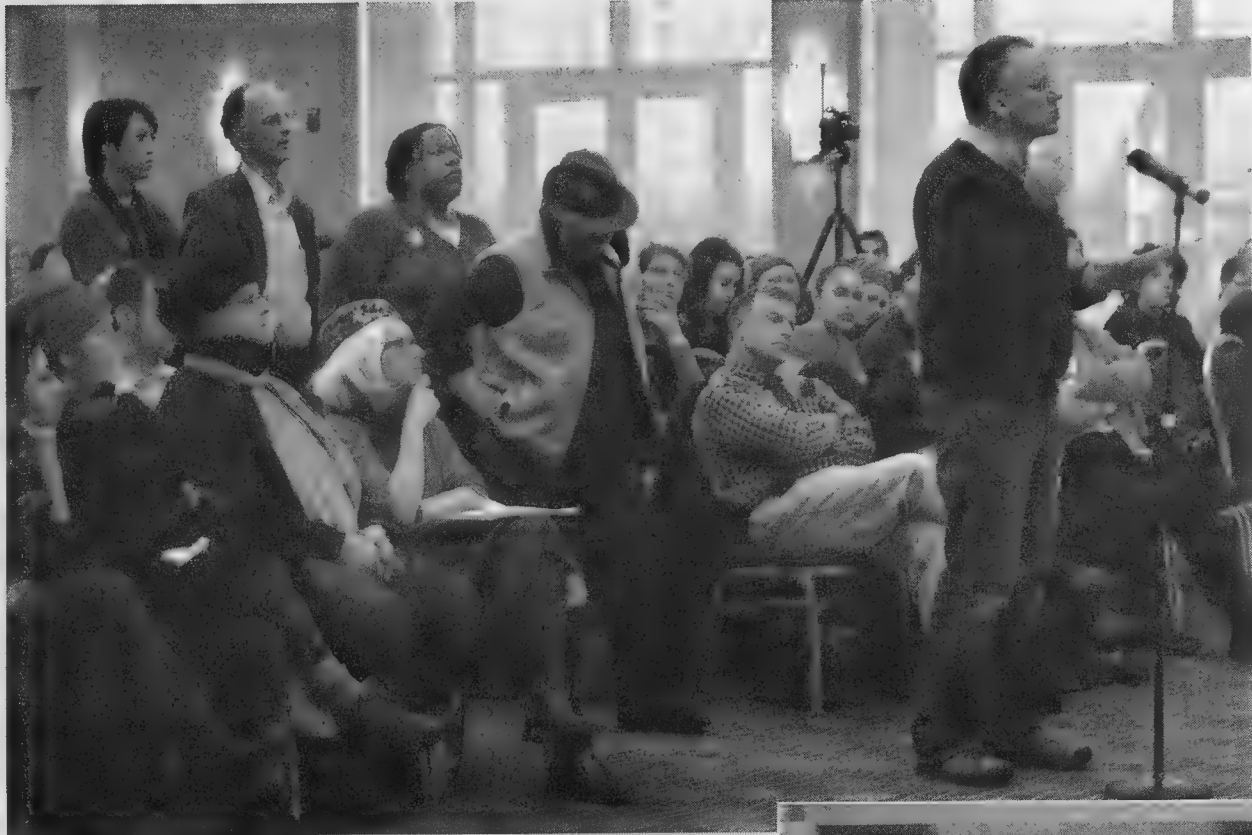
Therefore, as described by Fagan and Stewart, marriage is a vital social institution because it coincides with education, religion, politics, and economics.

The VMAC posed three variations of the institution of marriage that they believe the Vermont citizens will be obligated to choose from in the near future.

The following options are 1) traditional marriage; 2) marriage between any two individuals regardless of gender; and, 3) no established marital institution whatsoever. However VMAC fears that not having an established marital institution would be detrimental to society.

The two debating opponents of Fagan and Stewart, also members of VMAC, were Rutland family attorney Judy Barone and Middlebury attorney Anthony Duprey. Though somewhat dismayed by the audience's personal agendas, Barone strongly urged the community to look beyond the obvious moral question of right and wrong, "and realize that there is a choice that must be made."

The debate emphasized child's rights, rather than fo-



cusing completely on the institution of same-sex marriage.

"There was a factual rationale that was lacking though; the VMAC can't just use correlations to disqualify same-sex marriage," Vincent-Bryan, Vice President of SGA said.

Advocates of same-sex marriage argued that the institution of marriage is beneficial regardless of gender. They repeatedly questioned the data that Fagan and Stewart relied upon in an effort to weaken VMAC's predicted outcome of same-sex marriage.

(Rachel Whelan/Vermont Cynic)  
Members of the UVM community wait to respond to speakers at the Vermont Marriage Advisory Council Forum held in the Davis Center on Saturday.

Although the debate over child's rights and institutionalized marriage is far from over, Saturday's forum gave both advocates and antagonists of same-sex marriage a chance to openly discuss a sensitive issue while searching for a solution.



## Belafonte to visit UVM, lecture on social justice

STAFF REPORT

The Vermont Cynic News Staff

Harry Belafonte, the much-celebrated actor, singer, activist and humanitarian, famous for his Calypso music and bailing Martin Luther King Jr. out of the Birmingham City Jail, will be the headliner of UVM's MLK week celebration.

Belafonte was a close family friend of MLK during the 1950s and '60s.

Belafonte is often controversial for his speech and activities. In one radio interview Belafonte likened both then National Security Advisor Condelezza Rice and then Secretary of State Colin Powell to "house slaves" according to The New York Times.

Rice responded by stating "I don't need Harry Belafonte to tell me what it means to be black."

The activist is also critical of the Iraq War and Bush's 9/11 tactics. "What do you call Bush when the war he put us in to date has killed almost as many Americans as died on 9/11 and the number of Americans wounded in war is almost triple? [...] By most definitions Bush can be considered a terrorist," Belafonte said.

In 2006 Belafonte led a delegation of activists to meet with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Belafonte has been the recipient of many distinguished awards including the Nelson Mandela Courage Award.

He was also the first black Emmy recipient.

Belafonte is slated to speak concerning the topics of social justice and equity at the Ira Allen Chapel on Tuesday, January 22 from 4 to 5 p.m.

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# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## National

### Apple releases Macbook Air

Apple has released the successor to the iPhone: an ultra-thin notebook dubbed MacBook Air. The laptop, which Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduced during his Macworld keynote address, measures .76 inch at its thickest point.

### Bush returns from Middle East after pushing for peace and oil

President Bush returned from an eight-day trip to the Middle East. Bush pushed for Israeli-Palestinian peace and called for OPEC to release more oil to the world market. The trip was Bush's longest trip to the Middle East yet.

### NASA comes within 125 miles of planet Mercury

NASA spacecraft Messenger relayed the first close-up images of Mercury, the closest planet to the sun, since the 1973 mission of the Mariner 10. The craft was said to have come within 125 miles of the sun-scorched planet.

### Sean Paul causes seizures in New York woman

A New York City woman recently had part of her brain removed in an effort to quell serious epileptic seizures. In 2006, the woman discovered that the seizures were triggered by the artist Sean Paul's music, namely the song "Temperature," which was popular at the time.

### Women protest Chris Matthews for Clinton comment

On his show, Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball", said that Hillary Clinton's political success could be attributed to the infidelity of her husband, former President Bill Clinton. Matthews retracted the remark after hordes of women's rights activists protested outside his studio.

### Polar Bears on endangered list?

Polar bears were added to a waitlist for endangered species by the Fish and Wildlife Services. Rising temperatures due to global warming have caused polar ice caps to melt and causing the destruction polar bear habitats.

### 473 days of White House emails are missing

A recent study reveals that 473 days of White House e-mails between 2003-2005 are missing. Law requires e-mail to be preserved. Tony Fratto, the White House spokesman said there is "no evidence" supporting this study.

### Ohio changes voting systems

Further changes are made to Ohio's vote tallying system. Many worry that touch screen ballots can be easily tampered with, therefore a change back to paper ballots will occur. Centralized counting, which was once approved to prevent errors in tallying, will not be instituted.

### Romney and Clinton win Nevada

Former Governor Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and Hillary Clinton of New York won the Nevada Caucus Friday. This is a important win for Romney while Clinton still did not get as many delegates as rival Barack Obama.

### Pregnant Marine Cpl. killed

After an autopsy report, police found that murdered Marine Cpl. Maria Lauterbach was killed by a crow bar blow to the head. They also found that she pregnant with a girl.

## Once a week not enough?

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## International

### Bhutto assassins have Al Queda connection

Assassins of Benazir Bhutto, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, were directed by Baitullah Mehsud, a Pakistani militant with Al Queda connections, according to the Central Intelligence Agency. Bhutto was killed on December 27 during a political rally in Pakistan.

### India creates the cheapest car in world

The "Nano", a \$2500 car was just put on the market in India as an attempt to allow low income families the opportunity to purchase a quality car. The Nano is currently the cheapest car in the world.

### Israeli airstrike kills two members of Hamas

An Israeli airstrike killed two members of the radical terrorist group Hamas. The airstrike was targeted at a car traveling in the West Bank.

### Bobby Fischer, dead at 64

Bobby Fischer, the former iconic American chess giant, died at the age of 64. The chess champ had renounced his US citizenship and had moved to Iceland where he adopted the Icelandic pastime.



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Disturbing  
quote of  
the week:

**"When we  
become  
believers, it's  
as if we have  
signed up  
to be part of  
God's Army, to  
be soldiers for  
Christ."**

-Presidential Candidate  
Mike Huckabee

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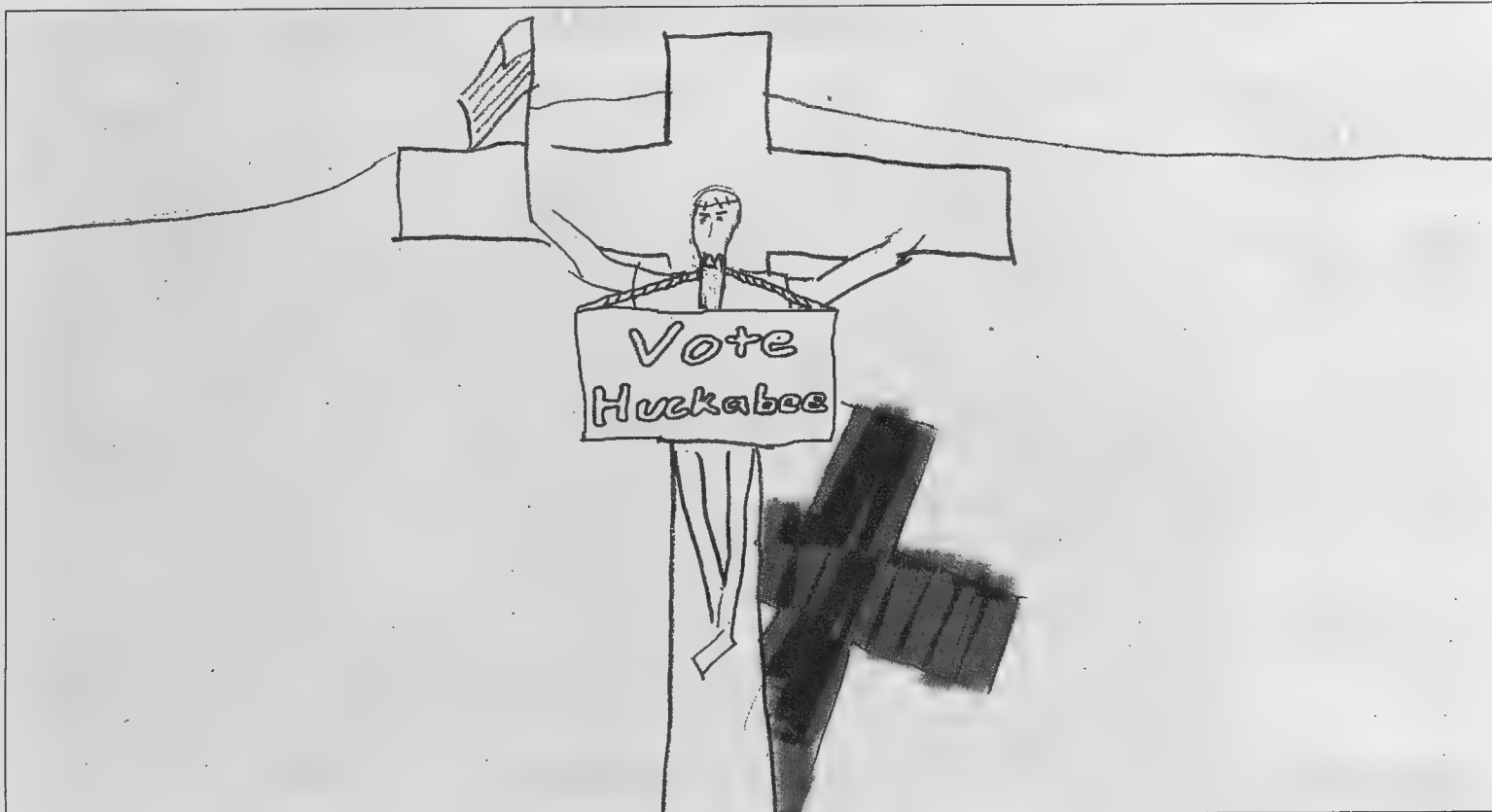
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## Keeping tabs on the newsmen

Some of us might remember Keith Olbermann as the SportsCenter anchor who popularized the phrase "En fuego!" when we were younger, circa 1996-1997. He was great in that job, teaming with Dan Patrick in "The Big Show" but like some of his ESPN peers — Craig Kilborn among them — he moved on.

If you remained more or less sports-centric during the last decade, you may have lost track of Señor Olbermann, who has since pursued a career as a news-commentary anchor and currently has a newscast on MSNBC.

Rather than stints on late-night television and a few movie roles (think: Kilborn), Olbermann is taking his broadcast journalism chops seriously, and trying to make a difference.

We recently came across a YouTube clip in the newsroom that featured Olbermann on his "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" program. It is dated, but remarkable, and as relevant today as it was when it originally aired.

Not entering too deeply into the minutiae of the video clip (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2KU02lsfH8>),

Olbermann calls out the conservative commentator Bill O'Reilly for blatant misinformation on his own show, "The O'Reilly Factor."

Olbermann tears apart O'Reilly for his statements — the second time in eight months, Olbermann points out — labeling the 84 American soldiers who were massacred at Malmedy, Belgium in World War II murderers themselves. Bill-O, Stephen Colbert's hero, got it wrong.

His history was wrong — saying that Americans murdered Nazis, predating and thereby rectifying the horrifying exposure of Abu Ghraib to some degree — and he was wrong twice. O'Reilly was wrong twice and apologetic never, not once clearly correcting his horrifyingly false statements.

This is neither a hate-on-Bill-O'Reilly festival, nor an exaltation of Keith Olbermann; this is the rehashing of a sad truth, and one of which we all need to be increasingly aware.

With the presidency on the line in the months to come, as well as nearly any and all other civic, social and eco-

nomic developments, we have to be careful about how we listen to the media.

Our collective grant of credibility should be a badge of honor, something that must be earned, rather than a right bestowed upon anyone with a prime-time television spot.

Simply put, don't let them fool you. Just because it's on television and they are wearing a nice suit, everyone makes mistakes — in some cases on purpose to further an agenda — and they should be held accountable for them.

If it weren't for Olbermann in this particular situation, O'Reilly could have pulled the wool over thousands of viewers eyes, without their hesitation.

It's not Olbermann's responsibility, it's ours as well.

It's not going to get any easier anytime soon. The world is just too dynamic. We need to wise up, pull our weight and more importantly, get our facts straight in this age of non-stop information from assumedly credible sources.

Good information about the world is the lynchpin of a thriving democracy.

## A more sensible drug policy

We applaud city councilors Ed Adrian and Tim Ashe for actions that may have paved the way for a more sensible marijuana policy here in Burlington. A referendum on decriminalization is the most sensible way to approach such a difficult and politically sensitive issue.

In proposing their referendum, the councilors work towards increasing both civil liberties and the rule of fair and direct democracy in the city.

While many of us would go so far as to question the basic right of the government to dictate what substances a person may put into his or her own body, we find that this approach presents a balanced and very reasonable compromise, one which could lead to even more progressive moves in the future, and which will ensure that voter preferences are protected.

And we would like to remind those councilmen and women who oppose

this resolution that this vote asks not for your approval or disapproval of marijuana, but that voters be allowed to make this determination for themselves.

Is it proper for you to exert your preferences over thousands of potential voters? Is it fair to eschew such a powerfully democratic mechanism as a city-wide referendum because of your personal feelings on the matter?

We ask the residents of Burlington to join a patchwork of cities and states all across the country that are questioning the need to penalize, so severely, those who choose use marijuana.

If there is fear in your hearts that, by decriminalizing marijuana we somehow hurt children — we send the wrong message. Consider this: there is little you can do to keep your kids from marijuana, it's something that parents have tried and failed at for

generations.

The drug is simply too popular, and for many, too beneficial to stamp out. It will always be found throughout the social circles of not only high school and college, but throughout all levels of society, and has a long history of use extending deep into the foundations of western civilization.

For this reason, the focus of marijuana legislation should be education, not eradication.

Rather than treating marijuana users as criminals not unlike those who steal, kill, or otherwise bring direct harm to others, the focus should instead be on bringing rehabilitation to those who are perhaps less responsible than most, and teaching responsibility to those who have not yet tried the drug.

Decriminalization is the necessary first step.



Julia Gabriel Michel

## Re-evaluating UVM's alcohol policy

My mother always told me, "safety first."

She meant it when I would pedal to the top of the steepest hill in the neighborhood then take my feet off the pedals and hurtle my little Schwinn back down.

But my mom's maxim applies to just more than my 6 year-old, daredevil acrobatics — it applies every time students crack a beer or take a shot.

In short, the University should transform its alcohol policy to be centered on student safety and alcohol education and away from the policy's current basis in detection and punishment.

Each policy listed in the Students Rights and Respon-



sibilities booklet has a section titled "Reason for the policy." In the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy, no mention of the words "safety," "education," or "understanding" exists.

I have three suggestions for making it better.

First of all, University administrators must re-evaluate the confusing message it sends students regarding alcohol.

Instead of maintaining the abstinence-only, don't-get-caught approach, the University must clearly and consistently uphold that the message that it does not condone the use of alcohol, but its policies reflect understanding of drinking habits in college and maintain "safety first."

This "safety first" approach should acknowledge a students' ability to consume alcohol intelligently and moderately, thereby refocusing efforts from catching and prosecuting

all drinking to merely unsafe drinking.

Second, University administrators and the Center for Student Ethics and Standards (CSES) must re-evaluate the merit of doling out fines and academic suspensions as a punishment for drinking citations.

The institutionalized ap-

**University administration must re-evaluate the confusing message it sends students regarding alcohol.**

proach to dealing with students, in my opinion, doesn't work — students require a tailored experience, complete with individualized counseling sessions to address the root of their drinking problems — a

slap on the wrist, a fine and the possibility of suspension isn't enough to deter from a second offense.

As a corollary to the second, University administrators must lower the punishment for low-level drinking offenses.

My opposition to this statement would argue that some students need to be put in a hearing situation that counseling or other forms of "softer punishment" aren't real forms of action; and that academic suspension sometimes provides breathing room for students, enabling them to return as successful members of the community.

But it really depends on how you look at it. A hearing process at CSES overwhelmingly tends to treat one student the same as the next—there's no room for the individual analysis.

It's clear this alteration

from institutionalized to individualized consequences requires a fundamental shift in how the University deals with deviants — not an easy task — but I believe a necessary one.

Finally, the University must take it upon itself to advertise the above changes.

The University drinking policy needs a facelift. And when administrators begin to go in with their scalpels and Botox, they should remember "safety first."

*Julia Michel is currently an SGA Senator. She also serves as a student representative on the Alcohol and Other Drug Subcommittee of the Presidential Taskforce for Social Change.*

*The preceding article represents only her own thoughts and feelings, not the consensus of either the SGA or the AOD Subcommittee.*

## Letters to the Editor

### One nation... indivisible?

Why have so many controversial debates become so fundamentally based around a concept of either "you're with us or against us?" It is a message that resonates from the United States government.

One can either be for the war, for Bush and anti Middle East, or an anti US, dissenting, radical non-patriot.

It is as if both sides of the conflict have become so passionate about their own side that they have no room to hear any perspective but their own.

People have become so passionately attached to their own ideas that they lose out on some of the truths that exist in other perspectives.

The fact is that most controversial topics of argument are controversial for the reason that there are reasons to support both sides. It would be foolish to think of the US government as purely noble and philanthropic in everything that it does in the world.

Yet at the same time, everyone living in this country can appreciate some of the good things that this country has to offer. Why does it seem that this middle ground is never represented? All I hear is the ongoing battle between the sides "support our troops" and "stop the war".

This conflict is certainly not the only one that supports a theme of "either you're with us or against us." The same thing can be said for the recent confrontation that took place between the LGBTQA community and the Red Cross, when the Red Cross was almost banned from campus after discriminating against homosexuals. Few can say that discrimination based on sexual orientation is an acceptable practice, but at the same time, the fact is that there are flaws with many systems.

The solution to these problems must come from working together to improve these institutions, and not simply condemning them.

Respectfully,  
Jesse Simmons  
Class of 2011

### The age of pro-nothing Democrats

The core of the Democratic Party from the time of FDR has been labor. The unions. The wise elders responsible for the New Deal put the Democrats where they are today.

But like every younger generation, the current Democratic leadership has forgotten everything their forbearers tried to teach them.

A couple of days ago, a union man commented on the divorce of democrats and labor. "It's not that we've left the Democrats," he said. "The Democrats have left us."

Once seen as the Party representing the little man against big business, the

Democrats are now slaves of Silicon Valley interests, realtors who have planned out the forceful gentrification of New Orleans, private corporations and the globalization-for-the-sake-of-globalization forces like the World Trade Organization, that have led to millions of folks losing their livelihoods.

No longer do you hear pundits squawk about the outsourcing of jobs, the increasing gap between the rich and the poor, the annihilation of welfare benefits or even the war in Iraq.

Now the squawkings are meaningless—Democrats are obsessed with infantile

'cultural' issues, the so called 'left-wing' party's primary strategy has become playing topical catch-up to the unsilent majority's crusades, instead of crafting issues on their own. They have become reactionaries to the reactionaries.

As the Democrats bend over backwards to appease right-leaning fence sitters and independents, they become ever more centrist. They're lukewarm. And feeling unrepresented, the true left is fleeing in droves.

Are the Democrats going to win the presidential elections? Sure. But only because they're not Republicans.

The Republicans may be viewed as corrupt and elitist, but the Democrats are viewed as incompetent and elitist. Sure, people continue to flee the Grand Old Party, but they're not flocking to the Democratic bench.

When the Democrat president comes to power it will not take long before people realize it's just more business as usual, more corruption, more imperialism, fewer jobs, and they're going to be very, very pissed off.

Respectfully,  
Benjamin Silverman  
Class of 2010

## A call for recognition of achievements

Overall, I have been impressed with the journalistic integrity of the *Cynic* this year as compared to that of past leadership, and I sympathize with the constant pressure to maintain and increase readership.

However, I have become increasingly disappointed with the constant harping on internal SGA Senate politics and head counts when there are so many issues our governing body is tackling and major student concerns that we, as a campus community, must grapple with.

The article "More Senators Leave SGA" was the pinnacle of my dismay. Over the past semester, the SGA has had a pivotal role in reducing the cost of summer tuition, increasing the representation of traditionally marginalized populations and contributing to campus and citywide climate change initiatives—and the *Cynic* has chosen to focus on who is coming and going among senators?

Frankly, that is insulting to members of our student population, who deserve to

read about the status of important issues and, more importantly, have their meaningful work and legitimate concerns reflected in your headlines.

The question is worth asking yourselves: How does conveying the Senate's semesterly makeup contribute to the general student experience and what makes it newsworthy?

Clearly, students have the right to know when and why their Senate leadership is changing. We have lost integral members of the SGA governance and I do not wish to conceal that.

However, it is quite common for the SGA to lose a quarter of the senatorial body between semesters, which is why mid-term elections were proposed last year and are being executed this year as a more democratic way to keep the Senate populated.

As the hinge between the Senate and the student body, I have been thoroughly impressed with many student initiatives that have gone uncovered by the *Cynic*.

The SGA Academic Af-

fairs Committee worked with Continuing Education to make summer classes more affordable, gaining approval from the Board of Trustees to reduce summer tuition by 15 percent nearly two months ago.

Student governments dream of being able to tackle affordability issues, and students stand to benefit from this knowledge much more than who from Senate is studying abroad this semester.

Similarly, the student body at large has been a powerhouse of activism and grassroots change in ways that have slipped under the radar as far as the News page is concerned.

Students from across campus have been contributing positively on everything from the Campus Master Plan Committee to the Meal Plan Advisory Board, with more administrators asking for student representation on decision-making bodies than ever before.

Students have put together professional, succinct documents calling for invest-

ment in carbon neutrality and divestment from the Coca-Cola Corporation through the trustee-led Socially Responsible Investment Workgroup. Powershift, Step It Up 1 and 2 and Focus the Nation, all largely student-led, are making waves on campus and in the community to engage political leaders and scholars in the important work of curbing Vermont's carbon emissions.

It is a travesty that no one on your staff has, thus far, sought out these dynamic stories.

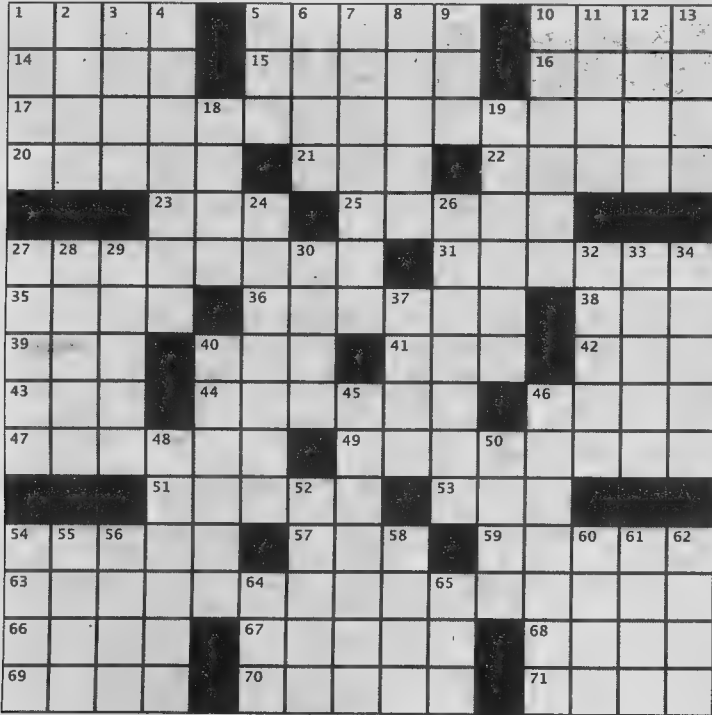
It is easy for a newspaper to focus on drama, dispute and disruption.

My only request of the *Cynic* is that it provide a deeper understanding of this constant struggle truly worthy of student readership rather than remaining stubbornly centered on personality politics.

Respectfully,  
Kesha Ram  
Class of 2008  
SGA President



# CROSSWORD



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## P U Z Z L E

### ACROSS

- 1- Departs
- 5- Entreaties
- 10- According to the Bible, he was the first man
- 14- Cut ruthlessly
- 15- Extent; 16- Flexible tube
- 17- Arterial plaque deposit
- 20- Fulcrum for an oar
- 21- Definite article
- 22- Specific geographical places
- 23- Permit
- 25- Tiny particles
- 27- Azure
- 31- Spanish rice dish
- 35- Student's final
- 36- Squirrel food
- 38- Suffer
- 39- Roulette bet
- 40- A dynasty in China
- 41- Washington bill
- 42- Feather scarf
- 43- Division of geologic time
- 44- Dull
- 46- Receptacle for holy water
- 47- Ramble
- 49- Contrary
- 51- Run in the wash
- 53- Transgression
- 54- Humiliate
- 57- Arrest
- 59- Beat by a hair
- 63- School VIP position
- 66- Greek goddess of strife
- 67- Kid leather

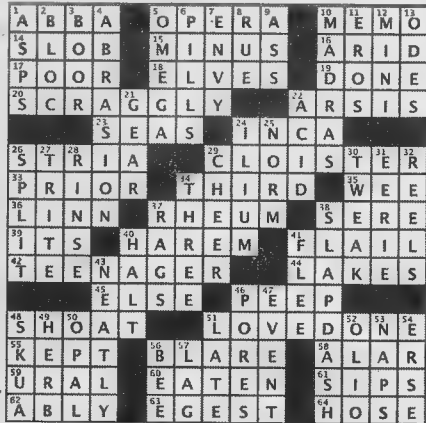
- 68- Describes a gently cooked steak
- 69- Exclamation to express sorrow
- 70- Middle
- 71- Collar fastener

### DOWN

- 1- Steps down to an Indian river
- 2- Sworn thing
- 3- Reflected sound
- 4- Rascal
- 5- In favor of
- 6- Final, ultimate
- 7- Bewitch
- 8- Shoelace tip
- 9- Perceive
- 10- Riding
- 11- Prescribed amount
- 12- Bhutan's continent
- 13- Untidy condition
- 18- Winder for holding flexible material
- 19- Branched
- 24- Viable
- 26- Starters
- 27- Goddess of tillage
- 28- Put forth
- 29- Radio location
- 30- Em, e.g.
- 32- Toil
- 33- Big cats
- 34- Winged
- 37- Come up short
- 40- Shout

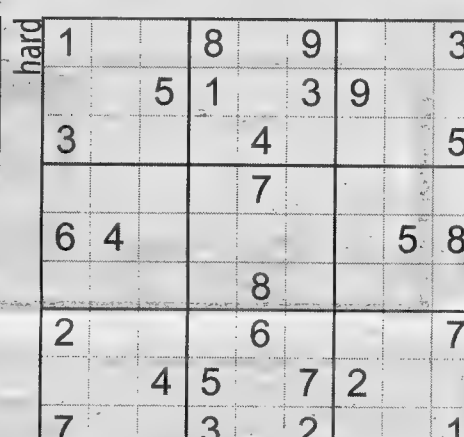
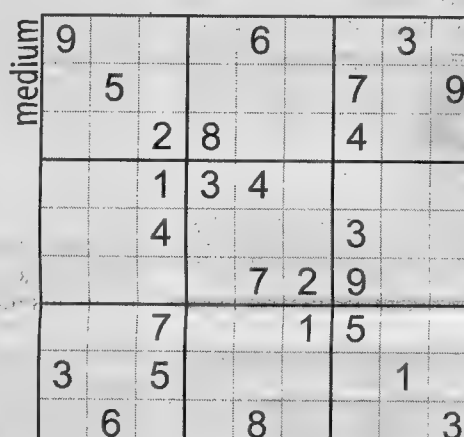
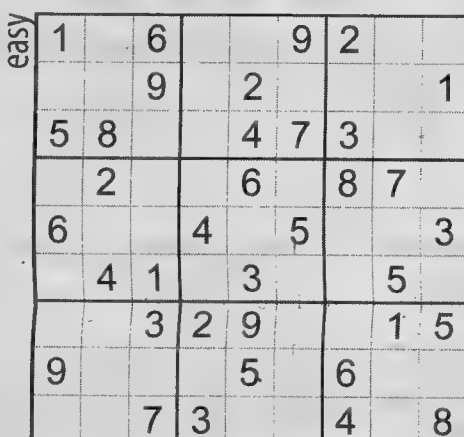
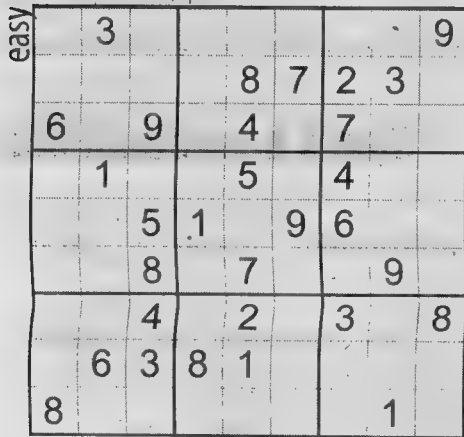
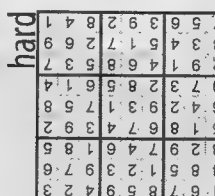
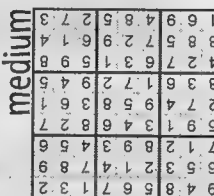
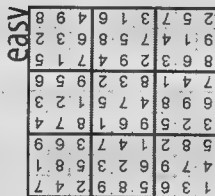
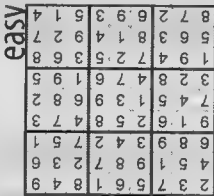
- 45- Modernised
- 46- Automobile wheelguards
- 48- Haunt
- 50- Competed
- 52- Boredom
- 54- On the ocean
- 55- Knot in wool
- 56- Capital city of Western Samoa
- 58- Places to sleep
- 60- Midge
- 61- Beige cousin
- 62- Colored
- 64- Doctrine
- 65- Open mesh fabric
- 64- Islamic chieftain
- 65- Rushed, drove too fast

### SOLUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK



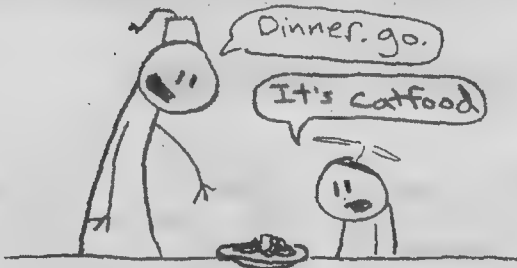
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## SHARP

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every day and see the young guys and see the energy and excitement they bring.

"They come to work every day and they want to learn and get better, which on a daily basis is really fun and refreshing."

According to head coach Denis Savard, Sharp has become a leader by competing every day.

"For a leader, the first thing you have to do is lead by example on the ice," Savard said. "He has competed and faced one-on-one battles every night and he is very determined to win 'em."

"He won't win them all but he wins a fair share of them and I think just by that he leads by example. In this game he has been one of our best at [winning those battles]."

### 'Gut Check

The leadership has come with time as Sharp grows in the league, but when he was at UVM his coach Mike Gilligan saw the beginnings of that growth.

"He was one of the kids you never have to worry about off the ice or in class," Gilligan said. "He did exactly what a student athlete should do."

"He set a great example for a lot of kids. Took very good care of himself and I think a lot of those things point to the success he is having now. We were hoping he would stay for at least one more [year]."

After playing with the Thunder Bay Flyers in his home of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Sharp came to UVM in 2000 — playing for the Catamounts for just two seasons.

In the third round of the 2001 NHL draft, the Philadelphia Flyers selected Sharp and when they called, after his sophomore year, he chose to follow his dream of being a NHL star.

"I was really disappointed when I left school after my sophomore year to go play pro hockey," Sharp said. "I really wish I could have stayed all four years but I made a lot of great relationships and I developed my game hockey wise enough to take the next step."

"I just always wanted to be a hockey player and the Philadelphia Flyers gave me the opportunity and I was real happy to take that opportunity, but I was also very upset to leave the teammates and the school."

During his two years at Gutterson Fieldhouse, Sharp scored 25 goals and had 28 assists for 53 points.

According to Gilligan,

Sharp was "dripping with talent" but never played to the level that the coaching staff knew he could.

"I didn't realize he was going to be as effective as he is right now," Gilligan said of Sharp's success in the NHL. "He was just growing as a young man."

"He had the speed and the skill and I didn't know whether he had the NHL commitment, but has certainly proven that."

### 'Character'

"Character," is the one word Savard used to describe Sharp both on and off the ice. "He just wants to be the guy," Savard said.

While it will take Sharp more time to get recognized league-wide as 'the guy' — despite his numbers, Sharp was left off the All-Star game roster — he is more focused on his own game.

"[National recognition] is not really something that I play for," Sharp said. "It certainly is nice to read your name in the paper for a good reason and it's nice to hear coaches say nice things."

"Those are the types of things that you can't really control. On a personal level I just want to play as hard as I can and let the rest of the stuff take care of itself."



(Bill Dillio/UVM Photography)

Climbing—Crew—Cycling  
—Equestrian—Fencing—  
Field Hockey—Football  
Freestyle Ski—Men's  
Basketball—Men's Hock-

## Club Sports



By JAKE AHRENS

Senior Staff Writer

## Men's basketball club

The UVM Men's Club Basketball team has made the most out of what limited resources and chances they have been given.

The team was formed in the fall of 2006 and plays games year-round, mostly against community colleges.

They currently practice three days a week and are led by President Russell Hirschorn.

Last semester, the team attended, and won, the NHCTC tournament.

Ryan Fitzgerald and Darius Ellies garnered special awards for their superb play throughout the tournament.

The team is looking forward to regional play in late March, which will be hosted by Boston University.

As the team is in its infancy, they

have received little funding, making frequent games, tournaments and trips difficult to arrange.

Hirschorn is intent on keeping his team active despite the obstacles, holding practice three times a week and maintaining a friendly team atmosphere.

"It's very important for the team to know each other, on

and off the court and be friendly with one another," Hirschorn said, as his plans for a team bonding trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA fell through.

The team continues to carve out their place as a club at UVM.

The team's next game is Wednesday, January 23 at 7 p.m.

### This Week in club sports

Your team on the schedule?  
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### Jan. 23

Men's Basketball - vs. NHCTC  
Stratham 7 p.m.

### Jan. 26

Men's Hockey - vs. MIT 1:15 p.m.  
Roller Hockey - UConn

### Jan. 27

Men's Hockey - vs. Endicott 2:30 p.m.

### Jan. 29

Roller Hockey - Philadelphia

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

### Results

#### Men's Hockey

Friday, Jan. 18  
OT Tie vs. Northeastern  
Vermont: 0-1-1-0-2  
Northeastern: 0-0-2-0-2  
Saturday, Jan. 19  
Win vs. Northeastern  
Vermont: 2-0-3-5  
Northeastern: 0-0-2-2

#### Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan. 16  
Win @ Maine  
Vermont: 26-49-75  
Maine: 23-35-58

#### Women's Hockey

Friday, Jan. 18  
Loss @ St. Cloud State  
UVM: 0-0-1-1  
St. Cloud State: 2-0-2-4  
Saturday, Jan. 19  
Loss @ St. Cloud State  
UVM: 1-0-0-1  
St. Cloud State: 2-3-0-5

#### Women's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan. 16  
Win vs. Albany  
Vermont: 37-36-73  
Albany: 23-35-58  
Sunday, Jan. 20  
Win vs. UMBC  
Vermont: 30-35-65

UMBC: 24-31-55

#### Swimming

Friday, Jan. 18  
Win vs. Siena  
Vermont: 181  
Siena: 113  
Sunday, Jan. 20  
Win @ Binghamton  
Vermont: 165  
Binghamton: 134

#### Skiing

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE 587.5  
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE 555.0  
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT 527.5  
UNIV OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 459.0  
BATES COLLEGE 381.0  
COLBY COLLEGE 375.0  
WILLIAMS COLLEGE 346.0  
ST LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY 285.5  
ST MICHAELS COLLEGE 101.5  
BOWDOIN COLLEGE 70.2

#### Conference Standings

Hockey East Men's Hockey  
New Hampshire - (9-4-1)  
Overall - (13-7-1)  
Boston College - (7-3-5) Overall  
- (11-5-6)  
Northeastern - (8-5-2) Overall  
- (11-6-3)  
UMass Lowell - (6-6-4) Overall  
- (11-6-4)

Boston University - (6-6-3)

Overall - (7-11-4)  
Providence - (6-5-2) Overall -  
(9-9-2)  
Vermont - (4-5-4) Overall -  
(5-9-6)  
UMass - (4-6-4) Overall -  
(9-7-5)  
Maine - (4-7-2) Overall -  
(8-10-2)  
Merrimack - (4-11-1) Overall -  
(9-11-2)

America East Men's Basketball  
UMBC (4-2) Overall - (12-7)  
Albany - (4-2) Overall - (9-9)  
Binghamton - (4-2) Overall -  
(8-10)  
Vermont - (3-2) Overall - (8-9)  
Hartford - (2-2) Overall - (8-11)  
Boston University - (2-3) Overall -  
(5-12)  
New Hampshire - (2-3) Overall -  
(5-12)  
Maine - (1-3) Overall - (5-12)  
Stony Brook - (1-4) Overall -  
(4-13)

Hockey East Women's Hockey  
New Hampshire - (10-0-1)  
Overall - (20-3-1)

UConn - (7-2-1) Overall - (16-4-3)

Providence - (5-2-2) Overall -  
(10-9-3)  
Boston College - (4-6-1) Overall -  
(8-9-4)  
Boston University - (4-5-0)  
Overall - (7-11-2)  
Northeastern - (4-6-0) Overall -  
(5-14-2)  
Maine - (1-6-2) Overall -  
(4-18-2)  
Vermont - (0-8-1) Overall -  
(4-17-1)

America East Women's Basketball  
Binghamton - (3-0) Overall -  
(5-11)  
Hartford - (3-1) Overall - (13-4)  
Vermont - (3-1) Overall - (12-5)  
Boston University - (2-1) Overall -  
(9-7)  
Albany - (2-1) Overall - (4-12)  
Stony Brook - (1-3) Overall -  
(6-11)  
UMBC - (1-3) Overall - (5-12)  
Maine - (1-3) Overall - (4-13)  
New Hampshire - (0-3) Overall -  
(3-12)

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

### Good Week for the Other Manning

By AUSTIN DANFORTH



Looking like the best quarterback on the field against Green Bay, outplaying Brett Favre and the Packers, Eli Manning has led the New York Giants to three straight playoff wins.

Next up: a trip to the Super Bowl, where they will face the last team to beat the Giants, the 18-0 New England Patriots.

The nation is now counting down to another bout of Brady-Manning and another high-profile battle between New England and New York teams.

### Bad Week for Andy Roddick

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Roddick has all the potential to be the next American tennis superstar.



But once again the former World No. 1 came up short in a grand slam when he fell in the third round of the Australian Open to Philipp Kohlschreiber.

This is the second time Roddick has failed to make it out of the first week down under.

Unfortunately Roddick's 2003 U.S. Open victory will be his only Grand Slam win.

### Bad Week for O.J. Simpson

By JASON BUSHEY

Juice found himself back in a Nevada courtroom this week after violating the terms of his bail stemming from his leading role in a pending armed robbery.



O.J. left a threatening voicemail to his bail bondsman that mentioned a

witness from his alleged robbery, a big no-no that allowed the Nevada judge to happily double his bail.

### Good Week for Cowboys Assistant Coaches

By ZACH PARKER

While Dallas' season ended miserably after a loss to the New York Giants last weekend, assistant coaches Jason Garrett and Tony Sparano moved up in the world.

Sparano was chosen to be the new head coach of the Miami Dolphins and Garrett turned down two head coaching positions to remain in Dallas for \$3 million a year.

### Bad Week for Pacman Jones

By JAKE AHRENS

The Tennessee cornerback has another warrant for his arrest involving an altercation at a strip club.

Jones went into the club's back offices, accusing managers of stealing from him, at which point he allegedly sucker punched one of them in the eye.

Jones has already been arrested six times since coming into the league in 2004, and sat out all of last season for disciplinary actions.

## Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Association Conference Updates

### Skiing

**Bates:** Bates Freshmen led the school's performance in the St. Lawrence carnival for their second consecutive fifth place finish.

**Bowdoin:** The eighth place finish in the men's 10k freestyle was Bowdoin's best performance, finishing ninth in the three other nordic events.

**Colby:** Colby College has one victory, one second, one third and one fourth in the four nordic carnival races over the past two weeks.

**Dartmouth:** The Big Green swept the women's nordic podium at the St. Lawrence carnival and finished first overall.

**Harvard:** The Harvard Crimson did not compete in the St. Lawrence carnival.

**Middlebury:** The Middlebury ski team earned second place overall on a first place finish in the men's slalom.

**St. Lawrence:** A fifteenth place finish in the women's slalom and tenth in the men's 20k classic concluded the carnival for the host school.

**St. Michael's:** The Scarlet Knights finished ninth in the St. Lawrence carnival ahead of Bowdoin.

**UNH:** A pair of top-ten finishes propelled the Wildcats to a fourth place finish overall.

**Vermont:** The Catamounts secured third place on the St. Lawrence carnival podium for the second week in a row.

**Williams:** With a score of 346, the Williams ski team finished seventh at the St. Lawrence carnival.

## Women's hockey hopeful for late-season run

By JASON BUSHEY

Assistant Sports Editor

The UVM women's hockey team dropped a pair of games at home to #9 Connecticut Jan. 11 and 12 and a pair to #10 St. Cloud State Jan. 18 and 19 by combined scores of 1-11 and 2-9.

However, head coach Tim Bothwell saw these games as an aberration for what has been a consistent, improving team overall this season.

"We have been competitive in just about every game we have played this year," Bothwell said. "The biggest thing last weekend was [that] our play was a

bit erratic, and that's not us."

The Catamounts were out shot 34-63 by the UConn Huskies and 20-78 by St. Cloud, abnormal statistics for a team that has made great progress since last year.

"This year, we are spending less time in our own zone," Bothwell said. "We're moving the puck out more consistently and are more organized and cohesive."

The Cats had some tough losses during a particularly daunting stretch, having played five of the top 10 nationally ranked teams.

"The team is staying positive," sophomore goalie Kristen Olychuck said. "We are just hoping our hard work will pay off."

"The attitude has been very good all year," Bothwell said, echoing Oly-

chuck's words. "Our effort has been great almost every weekend."

"If we keep it up, we know we're going to win some games down the stretch," he said.

As far as improvements Bothwell would like to see from his team in the second half of the season, he hopes to create more offense, get the opportunity for more shots on goal and keep the power-play moving ahead to provide better shots.

The Cats look to rebound over the weekend against Providence, a match-up that can lead to a strong late-season finish.

"We have an outside shot at making the Hockey East Tournament," he said. "If not, we have the ability to disrupt a lot of other playoff teams down the stretch."

## FACE OFF

### THE MATCHUP

ZACH PARKER VS. JAKE AHRENS

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY



1. March may be a couple of months ahead, but the UNC, Memphis and Kansas men's basketball teams are all undefeated midway through regular season play. Which team has the best chance to go undefeated?

**ZP:** Though North Carolina's play thus far has been head and shoulders above the rest of the NCAA — I think they are the favorite to win the national championship — Memphis seems to have the best chance to go undefeated.

UNC faces a perennially tough ACC schedule. Their regular season finale is a trip to Cameron Indoor and a hungry Duke squad who will do anything in their power to stop the Tar Heels.

Kansas has to worry about Texas and Texas A&M, but Memphis' regular season consists of lackluster Conference USA squads, with their only true remaining test being at home against Bruce Pearl and the Tennessee Volunteers.

**JA:** Out of the three schools that remain without a loss, the Memphis Tigers have beaten more ranked teams, including a solid victory over the number five Georgetown Hoyas.

They are also tough to top, having arguably the best backcourt in college basketball in Derrick Rose and Chris Douglas-Roberts.

Not to mention they have the easiest remaining schedule and are in the weak Conference USA. With conference play looming, UNC and Kansas have some challenges up ahead in their more competitive conferences.

2.) Led by the "The Boston Three Party," Paul Pierce, Ray Allen, and MVP-favorite Kevin Garnett, the Celtics have matched their best start in team history. Do they have enough depth to make a serious run at the title in June?

**ZP:** The phenomenal start by the three basketballers seems to be anything but a fluke. Pierce, Allen and Garnett are three of the most talented players in the NBA, and if they can remain healthy, I don't think anyone in the Eastern Conference will pose a threat.

That's right, not even the Pistons.

Another exciting sign for the Celtics has been the emergence of other role players, most notably some standout performances by Glen "Big Baby" Davis.

With continued solid play from Davis and other role players, the Celtics should be a true threat for the NBA title.

**JA:** There are questions of depth at both the point guard position and the front court, but the Celtics have all they need to make a serious run at the title.

The new 'Big Three' for the Boston Celtics have been playing better than anyone thought they would. The Celtics are 30-6, first in the Eastern Conference and are four and a half games up on the Detroit Pistons.

The Celtics have plenty of role players to complement the trio, including up-and-coming point guard Rajon Rondo and center Kendrick Perkins.

They also have emotional backups in Tony Allen and Glen 'Big Baby' Davis.

For more proof, just look at Boston's record.

3.) After having their names released in the Mitchell Report, both Roger Clemens and Miguel Tejada could potentially face charges that they lied to congress in 2005 about taking steroids. Has the investigation in to steroids in baseball become a witch-hunt that has been taken far enough?

**ZP:** The witch-hunt for steroid use has absolutely been taken far enough.

Rather than frantically searching for statements from washed-up trainers about who may or may not have been juiced up, maybe they should focus on the problems in the here and now, like developing a reliable test for HGH.

Don't get me wrong, the players who used steroids were definitely cheating the game and the fans, but doesn't Congress have bigger issues to focus on other than who was poking Roger Clemens' ass with what needles at what date and time?

**JA:** The investigation of steroids in baseball has not become a witch hunt at all because they are correct in pointing out the cheaters.

Tejada was mentioned in the Mitchell Report, and is now being pursued by Congress because of lying under oath when he told them he did not take steroids. So far the Mitchell Report has been proven correct in some allegations, making players come out and just admit use.

Roger Clemens is fighting hard to protect his name from the steroid era, but Mitchell seems confident that former trainer Brian McNamee's testimony is accurate.

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# America East

## Conference Updates

### The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief



### Catch-22

If anything, my time at UVM — primarily in the stands and press areas of Patrick Gym and Gutterson Fieldhouse — has convinced me of two things:

- 1) The University needs a newer, larger, more modern arena for its marquee sports.
- 2) It will be a sad day if/when we have to say good-bye to Patrick and The Gut.

In coming to this, though, I have come across a few different facts. We can think of it as another minor area of study during my undergraduate period.

An obvious fact: Patrick Gym and Gutterson are, with the exception of Matthews Arena at Northeastern — essentially an irreplaceable Boston relic — the oldest facilities in both America East and Hockey East, and two of the smallest ones at that.

They're lovable, but lovable only gets you so far.

A financial fact: while a new arena will be undoubtedly expensive, it will certainly have room for more fans, which means increased ticket sales (more people, more tickets, more money).

A sad fact: what is endearing and attractive to you, me and any other serious fans — Patrick Gym and The Gut's character, quirks, closeness to the action and history — is not always appealing to the athletes competing on the ice or court.

A probable fact: after visiting some of the newest, nicest arenas in America East and Hockey East, it is likely that a new UVM venue will produce, sadly, a dissatisfying fan experience.

New facilities will attract higher caliber coaches and recruits to UVM's blooming athletic program.

Part of the grand cycle: steps were taken to achieve more success, success was achieved, more enticing resources will attract even better people to achieve even greater success.

The University has done just about everything short of building new facilities, except instituting astronomical coaches' salaries, to become more successful. A new, marketable resource like an arena is the logical next step.

Old facilities, well, they speak for themselves.

The great ones are kept for their character and history (and sometimes the prohibitive expense of a replacement).

They're what make college sports special, compared to the professional level.

Your traditional hockey barn — Gutterson is a standout here — is disappearing. Your matchbox, foldout-bleacher gym (Patrick) is going by the wayside too.

So, while a new arena will mean more fans and more room for students, they will be farther away from the action, especially for basketball. Agganis Arena at B.U. — a gorgeous, amazing facility — is a perfect example of this.

If I had my druthers, I'd take old and classic over shiny and new, any day.

The thing of it is, I also want to see more wins... It's the only catch, Catch-22.

That damn Yossarian was right.

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(Photo illustration by Troy Johnson & Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Freshman Annie Pierce executes a backflip with a twist at Friday afternoon's swimming and diving meet.

### Swimming and diving

**B**inghamton: The visiting St. Bonaventure swim and dive team topped the Bearcats 181-117.

**B**oston: The BU Terriers hosted UNH and Northeastern, earning eight first-place finishes.

**U**NH: The University of New Hampshire women's swimming and diving team placed fifth at the Terrier Invitational at BU.

**M**aine: Maine split a dual meet against Providence College, winning 207-88.

**U**MBC: The Retrievers finished competition at home for the 2007-08 season in a split with East Carolina.

**S**tony Brook: The team is now 2-8 on the season after a split with Lafayette and Binghamton.

**V**ermont: UVM extended their winning streak to eight meets in the victory at Binghamton 165-134.

### Track and Field

**B**inghamton: The Bearcats opened their scoring season at the Cornell Upstate Challenge on Jan. 19.

**B**oston: The BU Terriers placed third out of three at a multi-team meet.

**U**NH: First ahead of College of the Holy Cross and Quinnipiac University, the team finished strong in the dual-meet.

**M**aine: Maine travelled to Canada to face the University of Sherbrooke.

**U**MBC: The men's and women's teams finished strong in competition at the Maryland Terrapin Invitational.

**S**tony Brook: Stony Brook was one of 11 schools to place in the top-10 in eight different events at the Gotham Cup in New York City.

**V**ermont: The Cats won their home meet for the fourth straight year, winning over half of all the events.



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Junior assistant captain Pete Lenos' (3) slap shot is blocked by Northeastern's Drew Muench (21) in Saturday's 5-2 win.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

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The game went to overtime, but neither team managed to mount any offense in the extra period, ending in a tie.

"We deserved a better fate," Sneddon said. "We played a great game tonight and had a lot of chances."

Sneddon was also proud of his goalie, but unsure about who will be the team's goalie from here on out.

"Spillane was great tonight and made some huge saves, and [Fallon] had a great week of practice," he said. "It will be important to have both guys going for the rest of the season."

Sneddon's words were proven true on Saturday night as he placed Fallon in the goal, and his play guided the Cats to an impressive 5-2 victory.

UVM received goals from five different players as their well-balanced offensive attack was too much for Northeastern to handle.

## Next Game:

Jan. 18

Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:05 p.m.



Vermont Catamounts (4-9-5, 3-5-3) vs. UMass Minutemen (11-5-2, 8-4-1)





## This Week

Tuesday, Jan. 22 – Monday, Jan. 28

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

**Women's Basketball**  
vs. New Hampshire  
Patrick Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

**Track and Field**  
Reebok Boston Indoor Games  
Boston, Mass., 4 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**  
@ UMass  
Amherst, Mass., 7 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
vs. Providence  
Guterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
@ Boston University  
Boston, Mass., 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

**Swimming**  
@ Providence  
Providence, R.I., 11 a.m.

**Women's Basketball**  
vs. Maine  
Patrick Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

**Men's Hockey**  
@ UMass  
Amherst, Mass., 7 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
vs. Providence  
Guterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

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# Cats and dogs, two wins for UVM



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Junior Amy Rosenkrantz (15) looks to pass around Albany's Gia Sanders (24) in Wednesday night's 73-58 win. The Cats' handed the Great Danes' their first in-conference loss. UVM added another win Sunday against the UMBC Retrievers, 65-55.

## UVM dominates #9 Northeastern in weekend series

The Catamounts' game of musical goalies continued in the tie and win against NU

By ZACH PARKER

Sports Copy Editor

The Catamount men's hockey team sent a message to the rest of the Hockey East this weekend with their 2-2 tie with the #9 ranked Northeastern Huskies Friday night and a 5-2 rout of the same squad on Saturday.

While UVM was less than pleased with the tie, they proved that they are a dangerous team, no matter who is in net for them.

Head coach Kevin Sneddon switched goalies again, choosing sophomore Mike Spillane to start on Friday night in place of senior Joe Fallon, who had started the past five contests, and got the nod in net on Saturday.

Besides one unlucky bounce of the puck, Spillane was otherwise impressive.

On the second Northeastern goal of the game, with 14:23

left in the third period, left wing Dennis McCauley fired a rocket off of Spillane's right leg padding, and the puck carried just enough momentum to drift into the goal.

"That goal was on my shoulders," Spillane said.

Prior to that point in the action, Spillane had been a brick wall in net, making 18 saves through two periods.

UVM jumped out to a 1-0 lead at the 15:28 mark in the second period with sophomore Brian Roloff's first goal of the season, which was assisted by a pair of defensemen, sopho-

more Viktor Stalberg and freshman Josh Burrows.

Northeastern came out hungry in the third period and scored their first goal at the 1:18 mark.

Tensions mounted in Guterson Fieldhouse less than a minute later when a whistle was blown just before UVM pushed the puck into the net and then a scuffle broke out behind the goal.

Arms and sticks flew and players were choked before this glimpse of hockey's raucous history broke up. Two skaters from each team were

sent to the penalty box and the conflict cooled after that point.

Following the second Huskies goal, the Cats got their own lucky bounce.

A rebound off a NU defenseman's foot found its way into the net, tying the game with two and a half minutes left in regulation on a UVM power-play goal credited to junior co-captain Dean Strong, assisted by senior co-captain Mark Lutz and junior assistant captain Peter Lenes.

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## Sharp-er image: UVM alumnus Patrick Sharp is blossoming in the NHL

Checking in with the Chicago Blackhawks' Patrick Sharp, who left UVM to chase NHL glory

By DAKOTA RUBIN

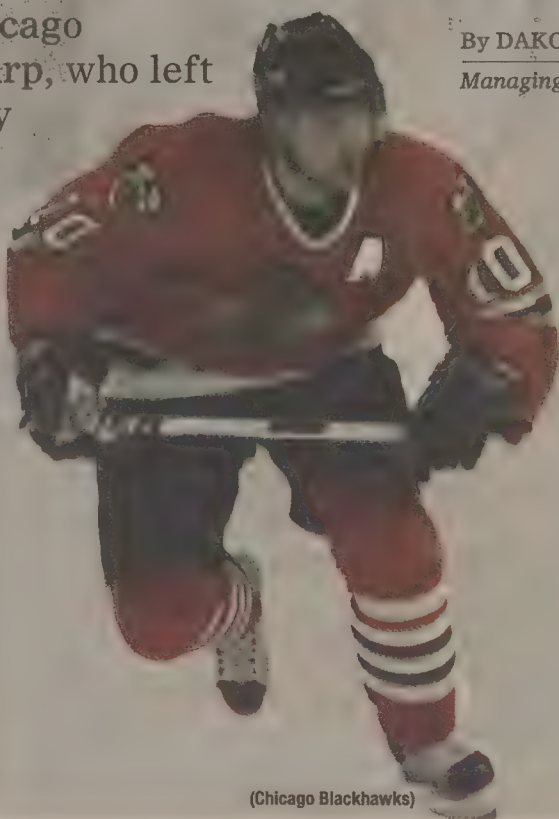
Managing Editor

• As a UVM sophomore, Sharp won the John C. Cunningham award as the team MVP for the 2001-2002 season.

• In the 2001 Entry Draft, the Philadelphia Flyers chose Sharp in the third round, at an overall selection of 95.

Sharp played 151 games with the Flyers and their AHL affiliate, the Philadelphia Phantoms, before being traded in to the Chicago Blackhawks December of 2005.

• Patrick Sharp leads the NHL this season with seven shorthanded goals and nine shorthanded points.



(Chicago Blackhawks)

Hundreds of people gathered outside the NAPA auto parts shop in suburban Glen Ellyn on Dec. 27 for the chance to meet and present gifts to Chicago Blackhawks right-winger Patrick Sharp.

Celebrating his 26th birthday with 700 of his closest friends may not have been his idea of the perfect day, but the respect and adoration the resurgent 'Hawks have received from Chicago fans is a welcome site for every member of the team.

"It was really nice," Sharp said of the first sellout of the season at the United Center on Dec. 26. "With the fans in the crowd it really lifts up your effort level and helps get on the ice so the more fans we have the better our team plays."

Sellouts should be the norm for one of the Original Six NHL teams, but the 'Hawks have always been outshined in Chicago.

Whether it be Michael Jordan and the Bulls in the '90s or the Bears' Super Bowl run in 2006, sports fans in Chicago have been ignoring the Blackhawks.

Who would blame them? The 'Hawks have not had a winning record since 2001-02, which was also their last playoff berth.

But enter Sharp and his team-leading and career-high 22 goals — seven of which were shorthanded — along with the slew of young, talented players and the city has begun to take notice.

The Young Veteran

Normally a 26-year-old is not considered a wily veteran. But, on a Blackhawks team where the top line for much of the season has consisted of two teenagers and two defensemen under 25, Sharp is the seasoned pro.

"Right from day one I have tried to be a leader," Sharp said. "It's exciting to come to the rink

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## Burlington says 'nope' to dope

By COLIN CONSTANTINE  
Cynic Correspondent

The Burlington City Council voted last Tuesday against the ballot question that would decriminalize small quantities of marijuana possession locally.

Backed by councilmen Ed Adrian and Timothy Ashe, the proposal failed 7-6, which means it will not be brought to

voters for the Town Meeting Day elections in March.

The measure was initially introduced as a local topic, then divided to allow the legislature to consider the issue. "It could come up again," Adrian said.

"We got a commitment from the council to entertain a discussion, on the local level, on how we might come up with other options, other than the criminal justice system."

Ashe said. "The council did not want to go to the voters because they feel [that] the state is going to take up the discussion."

"It is my view that the city of Burlington could act on decriminalization much more quickly with more of a unified voice from the public than the legislature," Ashe said.

Although Ashe said "it is an issue that affects the people in

Vermont of all ages", he says, "This is an idea that has been close to being discussed for 35 years. Thirty five years with no action."

Opponents on the topic, like Addison County State Attorney John Quinn, have been concerned over decriminalization because "we should be setting an example that people can get ahead by get-

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## SGA to modify 'Got Your Back'

TED CALCAGNI  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 22, Student Government Association (SGA) Senator Julia Michel introduced a resolution seeking to reevaluate and modify the "Got Your Back" alcohol policy at UVM.

With this resolution the SGA seeks complete protection for students under the "Got Your Back" policy. The SGA feels that changes, as well as better advertisement of the policy, are crucial elements to campus safety regarding alcohol.

The "Got Your Back" alcohol policy was set in place to protect UVM students from punitive action when professional help is sought involving alcohol and substance abuse.

If the "Got Your Back" policy is cited in calling for medical attention involving alcohol, the students will not be punished, but rather referred to Alcohol and Drug Services to discuss the incident.

This policy allows a student to receive medical attention for alcohol poisoning without being punished by means of academic probation or suspension.

The only condition provided is that the individual involved must participate in a health referral, as well as comply with recommendations given by the Office of Alcohol and Drug Services.

SGA Senator Scott McCarty cites, however, that the policy is, "ripe with loopholes."

Any student calling into to take advantage of the program must state during the call that it's a "Got Your Back" call. Additionally, a student may only benefit from a "Got Your Back" call once; any additional incidents involving alcohol will come with disciplinary ac-

For more information on what 'Got Your Back' means for the students check out page B3

The new policy only goes so far; what else needs to happen to ensure students feel safe using 'Got Your Back' page A6



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

## Marching on

Participants from Saturday's Student Labor Action Summit, which took place at the Davis Center, ranging from UVM's Student Labor Action Project to the Peace and Justice Center marched campus to downtown Burlington in an effort to draw popular support to the causes.

## Belafonte bashes media in MLK day speech at UVM

STAFF REPORT

The Vermont Cynic News Staff

Harry Belafonte, 81, actor, singer, activist, spoke to a packed Ira Allen Chapel on Tuesday as part of "A Celebration Fit for a King" in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Belafonte spoke about friend MLK: "I don't know that too much would be unfamiliar to him," said Belafonte.

The event was sponsored by

the Office of the President and the Office of the Associate Provost for Multicultural Affairs and Academic Initiatives.

Among other things, Belafonte compared the press to Nazi propaganda and said, "The media does not have the integrity to do what I do."

Belafonte said the media "controls what people know and controls what people do."

He went on to say, "I think that's not democracy, that's not freedom of speech."



(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

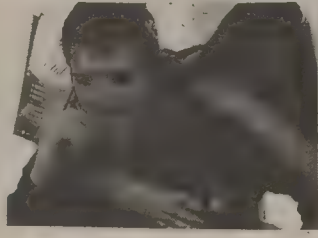
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# After technical difficulties, SGA holds elections

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Senior Staff Writer

After some technical difficulties, the student body voted to fill eight vacant seats — three on campus and five off-campus — in the Student Government Association senate.

Electronic voting, scheduled to occur last Tuesday, was delayed 24 hours due to unexpected problems with the data interface that SGA uses to tally votes.

"Rather than re-issuing the email later in the day and shortening the time for voting, the SGA thought it best to delay elections by 24 hours in order to allow all students sufficient time to cast their votes," Jess Agress, SGA's office assistant, said.

Nine candidates were on the

ballot last Wednesday, all of whom were elected except for junior Rick Valenta, an off-campus student who is vice-president of the College Republicans and ran on a platform of fiscal responsibility at the University.

Junior Seth Corthell, a former member of SGA, changed his "on-campus" status to "off-campus" shortly before the elections, which virtually guaranteed on campus candidates a spot on the senate.

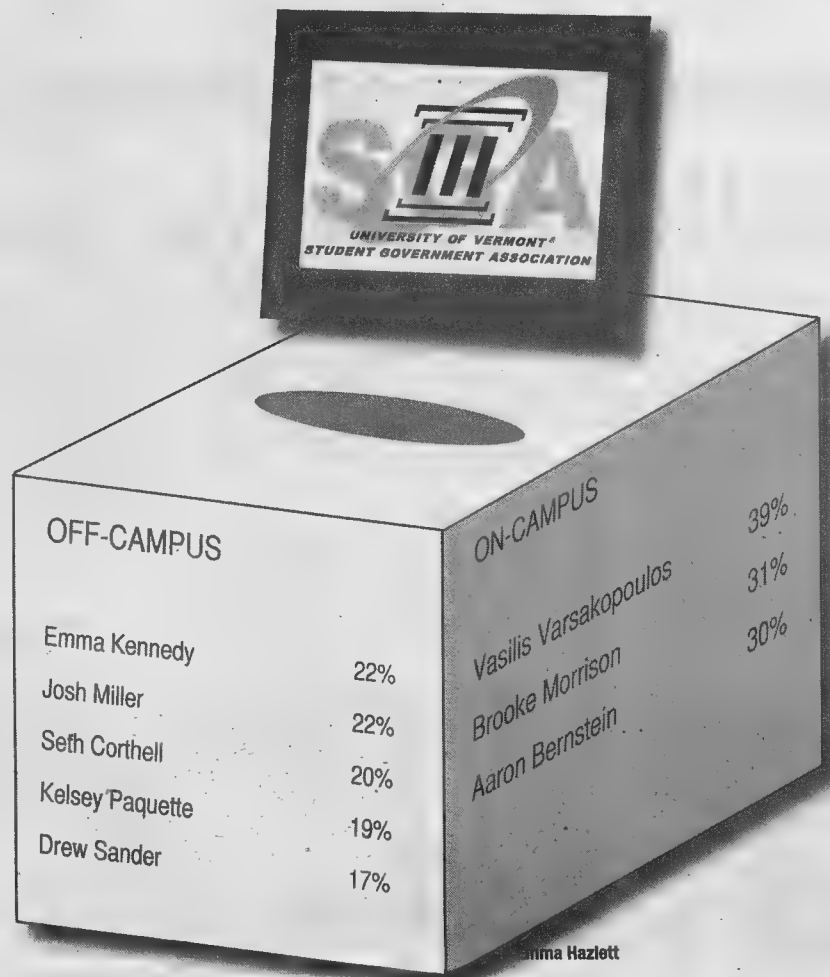
On campus candidate Vasilis Varsakopoulos received over 100 more votes than any other candidate. Varsakopoulos's platform included the establishment of a designated training and game field for athletic clubs.

1,086 students voted last Wednesday — about 12 percent of the undergraduate student body. Still, SGA President Kesha Ram, Vice-President DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan, and Secretary of Elections Emma Grady called it an "incredible turnout."

The eight newly-elected senators will be inaugurated at tonight's SGA meeting, and will be allowed to vote on all resolutions that come before the senate.



Seth Corthell



## UVM recognized in top ten schools hosting Focus the Nation

By MEGAN BRANCCACIO  
Senior Staff Writer

Starting this past Sunday, the University of Vermont campus will be participating in an event that will go down in history.

Focus the Nation is a week-long endeavor designed to unite students, faculty, staff and the entire community in the fight against climate change across the United States.

This year is the first annual

Focus the Nation. The idea originally stemmed from two professors; one is from Lewis and Clark and the other is from Middlebury College.

UVM has been recognized as one of the top ten out of 1,400 participating institutions for the breadth and scope of its planned events.

Throughout the week there will be lectures, discussions, panels, workshops and various forms of entertainment, including movies and a one-woman play.

In addition, professors from a gamut of departments will host over 70 teach-ins.

Valerie Esposito and Samir Doshi, two UVM graduate students, are the coordinating members of the committee at the University.

"We want to move beyond the debate about science and create actual solutions for global warming," Esposito said.

Since the beginning of September the Steering Committee behind Focus the Nation

has met to discuss and organize the details of this week.

Esposito also mentioned that a great deal of man- and brain-power have gone into making this week a success.

"I am excited at how many people are supporting [Focus the Nation]," Doshi said. "We are using climate change as a catalyst to unite groups within the University and Burlington."

There is already enormous student interest and community effort, according to Doshi,

but he and Esposito encourage everyone on campus to attend at least one event.

The main message the Focus the Nation committee wants to send is: tell someone and get to the events.

"Reading emails and the newspaper isn't enough, but telling five people will really spread the word," Doshi said.

The week's calendar of events will end with a speak-out and rally on Friday. Visit [www.uvm.edu/climatechange](http://www.uvm.edu/climatechange) for a full list of events.

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tion.

"We shouldn't punish people for alcohol consumption when the students' safety is at stake," Senator Michel said.

The concern is that a student might not call for help if they're concerned with punitive action against them. The push is to amend the policy to provide unlimited protection for students who use the program.

A senator interjected that unlimited "freebies" might, "say it's okay for a student to continue abusing alcohol."

Michel, however, was quick to counter that changes to the program, "wouldn't advocate that these students just go free."

If a student uses the "Got Your Back" policy on multiple occasions it should be seen as a red flag, but "the results shouldn't be punitive."

Jay Taylor testified that the policy "needs to be publicized more. Having been an RA, I say that right now."

A quick survey of a dorm consisting of 30 freshmen showed that only one in five knew of the "Got Your Back" program. "It needs to be more coherent, and comprehensive. People aren't taking advantage of such an important tool," Taylor said.

"The first step is getting the SGA behind this," Michel said. "After discussion, and a brief vote, the resolution was unanimously passed. SGA President Kesha Ram said, 'this is something that really needs to be reevaluated, and I think the administration will be glad to see that.'"

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ting a good education, working hard and being productive," Quinn said.

In an article published by the *Burlington Free Press*, Quinn addresses the issue with questions like, "How many of Vermont's youth would take up pot smoking if it were no longer against the law?"

"I don't think decriminalizing is really going to change anything. If people want to smoke pot, they'll smoke pot. If people don't want to smoke pot, they're not going to smoke pot," Adrian said.

The Burlington Police Department issued an online statement saying, "[The Department] does not favor the 'decriminalization' of marijuana or the removal of the possibility for offenders to be subject to criminal penalty for any level of marijuana possession," but adds, "[W]e do favor the exploration of alternative civil penalties for low level marijuana possession."

"Small marijuana offenses are really the least of the troubles we have in society in terms of the crimes that are committed," Adrian said.

"Some people think a small quantity is a quarter ounce or a half ounce," Adrian said. "Personally I think it should be legal completely, but I don't think that as a society we're willing to go that far that quickly."

Although the initial proposal failed, the legislature has not yet acted, giving hope to advocates of decriminalization. "For now, it won't be for voters, locally, but cross your fingers for the legislature," Ashe said.

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# Humanitarian to address issues in Darfur

By DANIELLE DIARBAKERLY  
News Editor

Ruth Messinger, activist, politician and humanitarian will be coming to UVM this Friday to speak about her experiences in Darfur.

Messinger, who has held several positions in New York City and also ran for New York City mayor against Rudi Giuliani in 1997, is now wrapping up her term as the President of the American Jewish World Service.

"AJWS [American Jewish World Service] is dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or nationality. Through grants to grassroots organizations, volunteer service, advocacy and education, AJWS fosters civil society, sustainable development and human rights for all people, while promoting the values and responsibilities of global citizenship within the Jewish community," according to the AJWS website.

"The Shabbat and speech will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the

Campus Center Theater, Billings, followed by a 7:30 p.m. public reception in Billings Marsh Lounge. The Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Jim Glazier of Temple Sinai and Rabbi Joshua Chasen of

**"Every person wants to tell you about how their village was attacked, local militia are forcing people to leave their small villages."**

*-Ruth Messinger  
President, American Jewish World Service*

Ohavi Zedek. The event is not ticketed and will be open on a first come, first serve basis. Messinger will speak to students from 4:30 to 5:30 in Billings North Lounge.

"Every person wants to tell you about how their village was attacked, local militia are forcing people to leave their

small villages," Messinger said of her experiences in Darfur.

The American Jewish World Service has "raised a total of 5.5 million dollars" Messinger said.

Seventy-five percent of the money raised has gone to humanitarian aid in Africa, Asia and the Americas and the other 25 percent has been spent on advocacy in the US including lobbying congress, Messinger stated.

Messinger said that the organization teaches about issues of global responsibility and links them to biblical references such as "Justice, justice shall you pursue", and "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor."

Messinger said that she hopes that her presentation will help "spread information on campus."

"I hope students come to think about the global needs in the parts of the world that frankly don't get enough teaching and talking about in most American media," Messinger said.

To learn more about the American Jewish World Service please visit [www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org).



(Courtesy of Ruth Messinger)

Ruth Messinger will be speaking at UVM Friday at the CC Theatre.

## UVM Ranked High Among Peace Corps Providing Colleges

**University of Vermont ranked as one of the highest ranking of mid-sized colleges and universities for Peace Corps volunteer recruitment for the first time in two years**

By ELIZABETH MAZER  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM is currently ranked 15 out of 25 mid-sized colleges on the Peace Corps annual list of volunteer producing colleges and universities.

The Peace Corps is a volunteer organization that works in 74 countries around the world by collaborating with community members. Volunteers are placed in communities to work in areas of education, environment, youth outreach, community development and information technology.

UVM is one of the highest-ranking universities this year in terms of recruitment, moving from their previous ranking of 38 to 15 this year.

"UVM has not made the ranking list for producing volunteers since 2005, when they came in as 24th out of mid-sized universities," said Amanda Richardson, UVM Peace Corps recruiter.

As a mid-size university,

UVM competes with schools like UNH, Notre Dame, Brown, Yale and Boston College for the highest number of graduates who become Peace Corps volunteers.

It is not a Peace Corps requirement to be a college graduate, but currently 95 percent of volunteers have undergraduate degrees.

"The Peace Corps provides a unique opportunity for graduates to use their education and skills and apply them in the real world," Peace Corps Director Ron Tschetter remarked. "I am proud that there are 1,192 institutions of higher learning currently represented by Peace Corps volunteers serving in 74 countries overseas."

According to Jeffrey Wakefield, UVM Spokesperson, "Since 1961, over 700 UVM graduates have joined the Peace Corps. Currently, UVM alumni are serving in Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Guinea, Morocco, Niger, Ukraine and other locations on projects ranging from HIV/AIDS education to business advising and teaching English."

A total of 714 UVM alumni have served in the Peace Corps since 1961.

"Many UVM students are interested in international study, volunteer work and community engagement," said UVM Career Counselor Holly Wilkinson.

The Peace Corps is an option that has given students an opportunity to develop these interests post graduation.

"Given that they seek applicants from a large variety of fields of study ranging from engineering to healthcare, to business to liberal arts," and because of this it is Wilkinson-Ray's belief that "the Peace Corps can be a

good fit."

"As a state, Vermont produces the second highest number of Peace Corps volunteers per capita in the nation," Richardson stated, "When I first came to Vermont to start my graduate program at UVM in the fall of 2007, the state held the title of second highest resident volunteers per capita."

The Peace Corps was formed on March 1, 1961. Forty-six years have passed with more than 190,000 volunteers serving in 139 countries around the world. To date, there are more than 8,000 volunteers abroad, which is a 37-year high for the organization.

To become a Peace Corps volunteer you must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old. The service is a 27-month commitment.

"By joining the Peace Corps you will come back a more worldly and compassionate person with a completely different outlook on the world and how you see yourself in it," said Richardson, "It's 100 percent worth it."

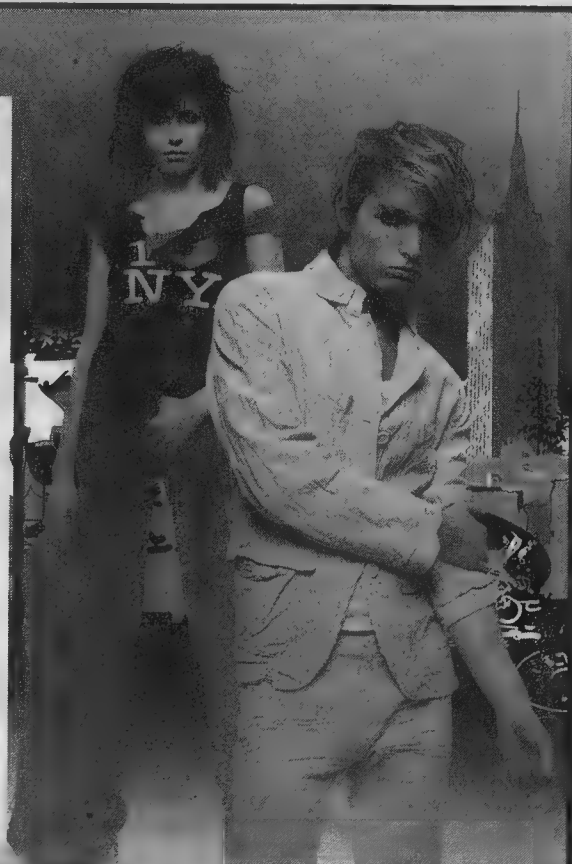
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## National

### Marine Indicted for first degree murder

A grand jury indicted Marine Cpl. Caesar Laurean for first degree murder of fellow Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach. Laurean killed pregnant Lauterbach and buried her in his backyard.

### Cafe buys \$20,000 coffee maker from Japan

Café buys a \$20,000 hydrogen powered coffee maker. The imported coffee maker is from Japan and the only one in the US.

### Four Los Angeles museums raided

Federal agents raid four Los Angeles museums in an effort to close a five year long investigation. They are trying to find the looter who smuggled antiquities out of China and Thailand.

### Obama wins South Carolina election

Barrack Obama wins Democratic primary in South Carolina with 55 percent of the vote. Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy has decided to endorse Obama for the Democratic primary.

### Governor's text messages revealed

Detroit governor Kwame Kilpatrick's six year old, flirtatious text messages with high school friend and chief of staff Christine Beatty were made public earlier this week. Investigators will determine whether or not they committed perjury when they denied the affair under oath.

### Miss Michigan wins reformed Miss America pageant

Nineteen-year-old Miss Michigan is crowned Miss America after the pageant got a four week long makeover on the reality television show "Miss America: Reality Check."

### Actor Heath Ledger found dead in NYC home

Twenty eight year old actor Heath Ledger died on Tuesday. His body was found naked under blankets with sleeping pills and other medications.

### Monte Carlo hotel catches fire

The Monte Carlo hotel in Las Vegas caught fire Friday. Although the cause of the fire is unknown, welders had been working on the roof.

### Former Indonesian dictator dies at 86

Former brutal Indonesian dictator, Suharto, died at the age of 86 on Saturday from multi organ failure.

### American abducted in Afghanistan

An American GMO worker and her driver were abducted at gunpoint in Afghanistan on Saturday. The governor blamed people who were against Afghan reconstruction for the kidnapping.

### 1.3 million iPhones missing

Apple found that nearly 1.3 million iPhones are not accounted for. Analysts speculate that the discrepancy could be due to people receiving iPhones as gifts for Christmas and not yet activating them.

### Palestinians flock into Egypt after wall is bulldozed

Egyptians attempt to block the wall bulldozed by Palestinians in Gaza. Since the wall was knocked down, an estimated 200,000 Palestinians have traveled in and out of Egypt to make purchases.

### Kofi Annan has Kenyan leaders meet

Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga met under the guidance of the former United Nations leader. Annan says problem deeper and broader than electoral debate.

### Italian prime minister resigns

Italian prime minister Romano Prodi resigned on Thursday. Governmental instability is to blame for his resignation, however, politicians are debating whether to hold another immediate election or to reform the electoral laws.

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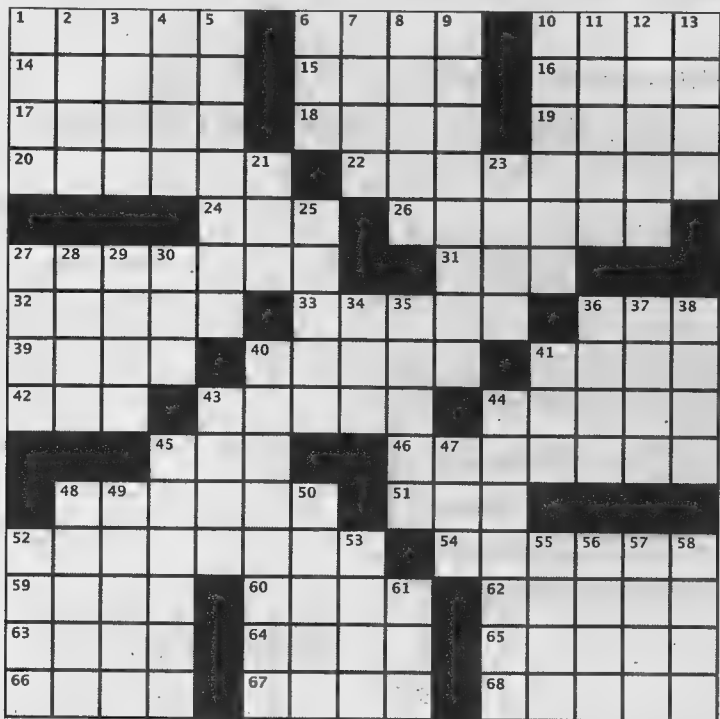
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- 6- Extol
- 10- Tempo
- 14- Greek fabulist
- 15- Look at amorously
- 16- Mild oath
- 17- Musical composition
- 18- Golf stroke
- 19- Walking stick
- 20- Plan
- 22- Building
- 24- Attach by stitches
- 26- Sunflower seed, botanically
- 27- Monetary unit of Nicaragua
- 31- Unit of weight
- 32- Loathe
- 33- Sprinkle
- 36- Tomcat
- 39- Ovid, e.g.
- 40- Swiftly
- 41- Go (over) carefully
- 42- Ocean
- 43- Faithful
- 44- Ancient linear unit
- 45- Fabled bird
- 46- Do away with
- 48- Objects from everyday life
- 51- Evergreen tree
- 52- Secret meeting
- 54- Go with
- 59- Silence
- 60- Two together
- 62- Embankment
- 63- Small purse
- 64- \_\_\_ dancing is popular with cowboys!

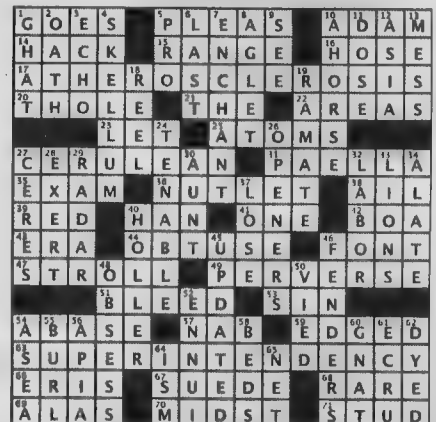
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- 1- Delhi wrap
- 2- Unskilled laborer
- 3- Common abbreviation for "is not"
- 4- Protuberance
- 5- Underwriter
- 6- Cut (off)
- 7- A shivering fit - often a precursor to malaria
- 8- Extremely
- 9- Discovered
- 10- Comblike body structure
- 11- Once more
- 12- Slender boat
- 13- Biblical garden
- 21- Society girl
- 23- Food
- 25- Resembling a wasp
- 27- Hats
- 28- Thin woodwind instrument
- 29- Greek fertility goddess, flightless bird
- 30- Speck
- 34- Beverage commonly drunk in England
- 35- Cooperative race
- 36- Mongolian desert
- 37- Greek goddess of the rainbow

### 38- Playwright Henley

- 40- Companionable
- 41- Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- 43- Recline
- 44- Marsh marigold
- 45- Stem
- 47- Fuzzy buzzer
- 48- Path
- 49- Result
- 50- Shun
- 52- Cook
- 53- Sicilian volcano
- 55- Atlantic mackerel
- 56- Egg-shaped
- 57- Network of nerves
- 58- Golf pegs, northern English river
- 61- Skirt stitching

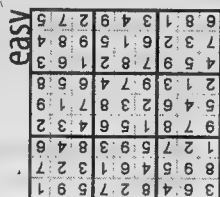
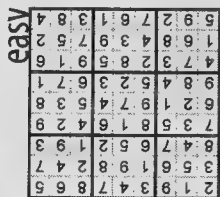
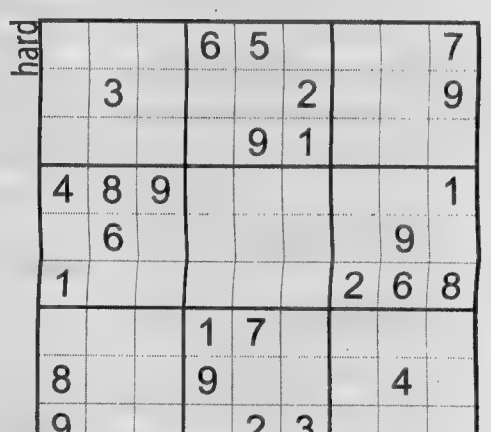
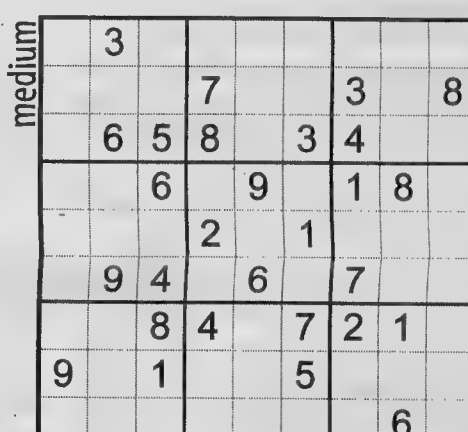
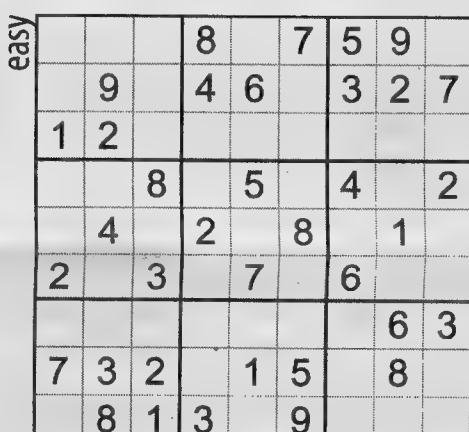
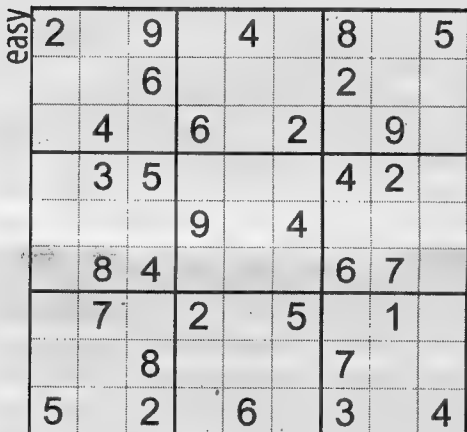
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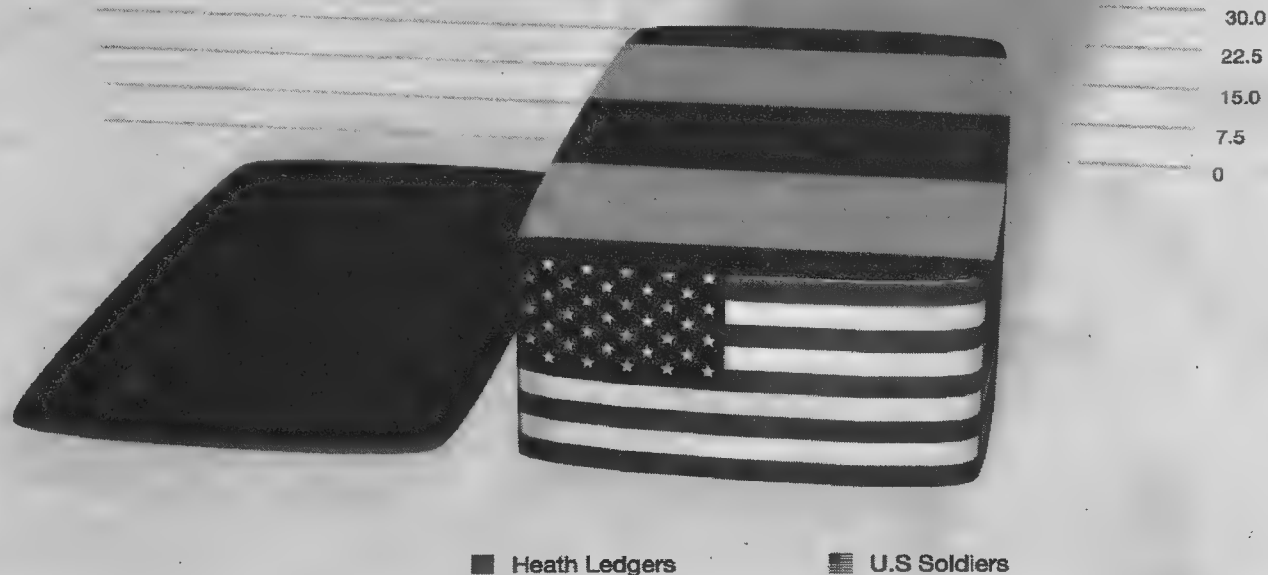
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Heath Ledgers

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## A brewing disaster

College students be warned: beer prices may be going up.

According to a recent article in *Seven Days*, it looks like prices for the precious commodity valued most by college students may be on the rise.

The newsroom's paraphrased and somewhat censored line on the issue continues to be a variant of "This is terrible!"

It's truly funny how at this point in our lives this is one of our biggest concerns.

But all kidding aside, this is a deadly serious issue. At the heart of rising beer prices lies a confluence of events which will make life harder not just for those along the ever-blurred line between college students and alcoholics, but for people all over the country, especially those in the middle and lower classes — food prices in general, not just for

the barley and hops that are critical for beer, are on the rise.

And it does not look like things are going to be getting better any time soon.

With the dollar falling and the cost of oil rising, it's becoming more and more expensive to produce and ship the kind of cheap calories that Americans have counted on for decades.

And Congress may be making things worse. Recently passed mandates for the production of corn-based ethanol, the hotly debated alternative fuel, mean that more agricultural land will go toward producing food for our cars rather than our stomachs.

These mandates are utter nonsense. Proponents of ethanol have made many claims about its benefits, and it is upon the strength of these claims that our government has pushed forward with

the fuel, but many of these arguments have been hotly contested and there is little consensus about the value of the substance.

While, for these reasons, it makes sense to further pursue ethanol as a possible replacement for gas, it does not make sense to plunge ahead down this route at the expense of average Americans, especially when there are already plenty of better, more proven ways of reducing our dependence upon oil.

Think of this next time you're kicking back with a Number 9, a Hibernator, or a Switchback and consider writing a letter to your congressman. While the way in which this issue hits us the hardest will likely be our wallets and our livers, it's no joke and may prove far more grim than a pricey pint.

## We applaud: the new "Got Your Back"

A school that for years has endured a poor and outdated drinking policy has just inched in the right direction.

The newly renovated "Got Your Back" program greatly expands and strengthens the potentially life-saving policy by which students may seek medical care for their peers in cases of alcohol intoxication without having to bear punishment themselves.

We feel these changes are vital. And while more can certainly be done to bring UVM's policies in line with a realistic vision of student life, they nevertheless provide much-needed force to what was once a flimsy and unreliable policy.

Most essentially, these updates remove the absurd mandate that a student verbally request the implementation of the policy when making an emergency call — a potentially life-threatening situation is one in which procedural technicalities should not be invited.

It stands to reason that a student should not see punishment visited upon them for either the ignorance of, or failure to remember, such a miniscule and arbitrary facet of policy when making the difficult and responsible choice to call emergency services for a friend in need.

We also praise the removal of the provision that a student could make use of the policy on only one occasion. Without this provision, students who do need attention are assured that they can get it, regardless of past experiences. It makes no sense to leave those who need medical care the most out of the loop.

But we believe these changes do not go far enough, and we hope that this relatively minor change can be leveraged into a more critical examination of UVM's drug and alcohol policy as a whole.

Our side has made its points on numerous occasions. The question-

able impact of our school's anti-drinking policies, the principle in treating students as irresponsible merely because they consume alcohol, and the division that it breeds between RA's and the communities which they are supposed to serve have all been called into question.

It is time for a response. It is time for those making policy to answer these charges. We implore our student government leaders and the University administration to take these concerns seriously.

While we would like to see many specific changes in policy, we do not demand that these changes come into effect.

What we do demand is that this matter be faithfully and reasonably considered as it deserves.

We all need to watch each other's backs in more ways than just the side-effects of inebriation. That's healthy. That's the community we deserve.



Julia Gabriel Michel

## Breakfast at Libby's

I guess I've been one-fourth of a clique since roughly the second week-end of school.

Some might call us more than that—a cult, even—because we eat, drink, spoon, go out, break up, get back together and hash it all out over 10,000 calorie brunches at Libby's Diner in Winooksi.



Some might say we're best friends. I guess I could see that.

After winter break, one of us came back to school to find his room had been taken over by a rat. And by taken over, I mean the rat had managed to shit on everything—his bed, his desk and even his pillow.

It wasn't long before the cleaning brigade showed up with a dust-buster, cleaning wipes and more hand sanitizer than exists in most African nations.

So where is this column traveling besides somewhere south of Emotional Mountain and west of No One Cares? I guess I just think we all need to pay more attention, and give more thanks, to the people that we truly care about and the people that truly care about us.

And unfortunately, friends are one of those things that you don't appreciate until you're eating your Domino's Thin Crust at 2 a.m. alone.

But being best friends

also means fighting like best friends.

And right now, we're all floundering a little. We're all away from home, away from our cocoon of family dinners and unconditional love from people we've known our whole lives. And we're forced to rely—I mean chosen to rely—almost exclusively on each other.

We've chosen to rely on people that, until August, were strangers.

And this isn't something just

characteristic of our foursome. It's really characteristic of all college students grappling with new problems, grabbing at people to help them through and gripping onto them until, four years later, they go back to the West Coast.

But that's in a few years—for right now, for these years in college, they're it. They're my best friends. And I gotta go. I think we're going to Libby's.

## Letters to the Editor

### A bussing dilemma

Recently, I was waiting for the on-campus bus behind Coolidge in order to get to my first class of the day at 9:30. Although it was only 9:05 and I could have definitely got onto the Redstone Express, I made an executive decision to get a better seat on the regular on-campus bus and opted out of the Redstone Express.

9:12 rolls around and the bus approaches up the small hill toward the bus stop. I notice that it is not slowing down like usual. As all hope and warmth leave my body I am struck with the shock that the bus has just sped by. As we all stand in dismay, the bus seems to mock us by spitting sand pellets at the curb by our feet. I ask a fellow student what that was all about and their reply, "to humiliate us".

What the hell? This is absolutely ridiculous! If they are going to leave people at the curb, then they should leave some students at WDW. You cannot take all the students from one dorm and leave the rest of a campus out in the cold to then have to regroup and power walk to class, and possibly risk being late. Isn't this an On-campus bus not the WDW Express?

This has happened to me numerous times while on main campus as well. Particularly near Votey and Rowell. Who is to say that the English students in Lafayette deserve a warm seat back home rather than the mathematicians?

You would think, with the below freezing wind chill and the snow storms that are upon us, that UVM would up their bus numbers this season. Not only are on-campus students using the buses to get from dorm to class, but off-campus students are using the bus to travel within main campus. Who would blame them? It is freaking freezing out!

With the money that most students are paying I think that they can throw in an extra bus or two during rush hours. If we are going to have buses, there needs to be enough so that students can know as they wait in the cold that they will be guaranteed a spot on the bus. Otherwise they should have just walked in the first place, but that should not be the case if we have buses at all. Buses at UVM are a great thing to have and we are very fortunate to have access to them, but UVM needs to do a better job of catering to the mass number of students using this awesome commodity during the busy and cold hours of class rush hours.

Sincerely,

Nicole Ullian  
Class of 2010

### Voting with mangled logic: how not to

How disgraceful it is, this notion that premeditated negative assaults and individual personality traits have become the focal means for amassing support and achieving electoral victory in 2008.

In our constant yearning to return to the perceived golden age of politics, that of Kennedy, and Truman, and at this point, even Clinton the first, it should be quite evident that honor has been undoubtedly compromised in these high-profile contests.

What was once a vote of idealism and cultural objectivity has become a hostile and all too personal survival of the fittest battle, in which personal values supersede political ideologies.

I recently asked an Obama supporter why she favored her candidate. "He's a good speaker" she said. "I like his passion." A good speaker? So was Kenneth Lay, former convicted CEO of Enron.

This sort of social justification for votes does not solely apply to the campaign of Barack Obama, who also happens to be one of the first black presidential frontrunners.

The same can be said for the McCain campaign

drawing support in the form of sympathy for his hard fought veteran years, for Huckabee's appeal amongst Christian voters (last week he spoke at a mega-church in South Carolina in front of 2,500 people), for John Edwards showing clips of his father, a retired textile mill worker, while vowing to work for the middle class of America.

And of course this can be applied to Hillary Clinton with her husband always standing an arm's length away during high profile rallies, not to mention her bid to become first woman president in the history of our country.

These individual characteristics of candidates should not factor whatsoever into their political regard, electability, or success.

In essence, it can work both ways; these personal attributes can either be intentionally exploited by these campaigns, or they can be used against them as persuasive factors that influence the opinions of voters.

It's frustrating when half of a presidential debate is taken up discussing offensive remarks these candidates have made to one another, when the time could

be better spent addressing the issues at stake.

The post debate coverage on the local networks talks about how Mitt Romney looked tired during the debate. "Perhaps he is giving up the fight in South Carolina," one Fox News reporter suggests, or, perhaps he is just weary from months of traveling around the country in a bus always having to monitor every word that he says for fear that his colleagues will discredit his candidacy for having said it.

As a moderate liberal, I am troubled by the clear effect which stems from the compromising of our political solidarity on both ends of the political spectrum, resulting from discrepancies and perceived hostility amongst candidates.

It is easy to see how quickly support can dwindle within a party if trouble is perceived by the general populous among its party members.

Just look what happened to the Republicans just two years ago. The party was shrouded in scandal and the war was seeing more casualties than ever, to the point where many Republican legislators were no longer

remaining silent about President Bush's controversial actions.

The following Mid-Term elections spoke volumes about how voters on the fringes of party lines react to Republican discord as the Republicans lost the majority in both the Senate and House.

This emphasizes how important it is that candidates disagree on the issues but not discredit the character of their colleagues or, more broadly speaking, of their party.

So please, vote with me. Vote against me. Write in Bernie Sanders if you want, but do so for the right reason.

Take the time to look at the issues, decide what's most important to you, and put aside all this socially driven, or otherwise charismatic influenced clout.

Your vote can go a long way to bringing about the changes that you feel America needs to undertake.

Sincerely,

Jeff Roblin  
Class of 2008

### Have pride in our sports

I'm writing in response to Mr. Danforth's recent column describing UVM's need for a new athletics facility, yet wanting to hold on to the current facilities because of their aesthetic appeal.

I agree on that point. Working with the Athletic Communications Department the past two seasons, and growing up going to basketball and hockey games as a kid, you find that there is a uniqueness about Patrick Gym and Gutterson Fieldhouse.

While I support a new facility, I understand that we would be leaving behind a very cherished part of UVM's past.

The problem is, one of said facilities has become a graveyard, devoid of any sort of student involvement. I'm talking about Patrick Gym and its total lack of a student section.

Sure, there are students

who show up to games, but they certainly don't act like a college basketball student section.

In a culture where everyone knows the Cameron Craziest or the Izzone, it shocks me that college students don't want to be a part of that at their own school. In case people haven't noticed, we've had a pretty good basketball team for the past 4-5 years.

It really is not that hard.

For starters, stand the entire game. There is no reason for you to sit. Get loud when the other team has the ball. Start a "Defense" chant (if it can be done at hockey games where it is totally out of place, it can be done in basketball).

Make noise when the opponent is at the free throw line. It is pretty pathetic that they get the privilege to shoot their free throws in silence on the road. Do the

Manny Ramirez Jazz Hands and be quiet when UVM is at the line.

Taunt individual players endlessly, and it is much better if the fans have done their homework by checking out the other team's Web site and reading player bios. If he resembles a bad actor, let him know all the time.

Or if he shares a name with a celebrity, make fun of it. For example, Stony Brook has a player named Nick Carter. Why wasn't anyone chanting "Backstreet" when he was at the free throw line on Monday night?

All of this makes the experience of the fan so much better. There is no need to be profane, the f\*ck Northeastern chant at hockey when UVM was down 4-2 on Friday is not going to make a difference and makes the student body as a whole seem uneducated and uninformed.

If students show up, get

loud and stay loud throughout and come up with creative, comical chants along the way we could really have something special.

You are in college, part of college is going to sporting events, painting your face and going wild. I know we can do this at hockey games, but that sort of intensity should be at basketball games too. The players deserve to have their peers cheering them on and being the "sixth man" of Patrick Gym.

So please, I implore all students to go to a basketball game and go nuts. I think you'll find yourself having a good time and watching a really exciting team push their way to another conference championship game.

Sincerely,

Matt Moore  
Class of 2009



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## Club Sports

Jake Ahrens  
Senior Sports Writer



### Men's swimming club

Coming off an exciting and tremendous finish to last season, the men's swimming club is in the middle of a transition year.

The little-known team is small, comprised of only six swimmers, only one of which returns for this season.

The team traveled to Virginia last year to compete in nationals, stunning the competition and placing third overall.

Out of the six swimmers from that impressive performance, only junior Joe Hardie returned.

"We had a great spring," Hardie said. "This year is a year of transition and change over."

"There are a lot of young and eager swimmers on this team, so if we can just get things rolling, we should be alright."

The team currently has a couple of tentative meets scheduled and is working on a day-to-day basis, Hardie said.

The club is doing whatever they can to stay in the water, having friendly practices or get-together's just to stay active.

"We got off to a little bit of a late start this season, but we're starting to find kids that are interested," Hardie said. "With that, we're getting some structure and formation."

The men's swimming club is not at the high level of competition they achieved last year, but that's certainly subject to change.

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## Hockey splits with Providence, gains league point

After a loss Friday night, the Cats came back to top the Friars 2-1 for their first league point of the year

By JASON BUSHEY

Asst. Sports Editor

The UVM women's hockey game split a two-game set with the Providence Friars over the weekend.

Their 2-1 victory on Saturday night halted the Cats' winless streak.

The victory was also the first league win for the Catamounts this year (5-18-1, 1-9-1 Hockey East).

Despite being out-shot by the Friars 12-31, UVM took advantage of the few chances a stingy Providence defense allowed.

The game-winner, scored by freshman Celeste Doucet on a brilliant wrap-around shot, came with just 3:09 remaining in the game.

UVM goalie Kristen Olychuck had a superb game in the net. The sophomore stopped 30 of 31 shots and shut out the Friars after an early goal just 4:19 in to the first period.

The victory was the first ever for the Cats in the 15-game history between the two teams.

Though the Catamounts did not win Friday night's contest, their resilient effort in a 3-2 loss surely helped set up Saturday night's triumph.

UVM, playing from behind for much of the night, could not answer the Friars' final goal of the game, a one-timer from center ice by forward Katy Beach with just 8:41 re-



(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

Vermont junior Sarah Smiddy (18) moves the puck past Providence in Saturday's in-conference win.

maining in the third period.

"I was pretty pleased with the effort tonight overall," head coach Tim Bothwell said. "We just need to really focus and concentrate on getting the puck to the net when we have an opportunity instead of trying to make a fancy play or holding onto the puck too long."

Early in the third period, the Cats pulled even for the second time of the night when Sarah Smiddy's wrap-around shot from behind the net trickled past the Providence goalie.

However, after Beach's goal, UVM could not find the equalizer, succumbing to the Friars in a nail-biter.

"I'm really proud of the way we stuck with it," Bothwell said. "After that bad early goal, lots of times in the

past we kind of wilted when something like that happened but we kept playing with a lot of energy and a lot of effort."

The Cats will ride the mo-

mentum of a strong weekend effort in to Boston College next weekend for a two game set with the Eagles.

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

### Results

#### Men's Hockey

Friday, Jan. 25  
Win @ UMass  
UVM: 3-0-2-5  
NU: 2-1-1-4  
Saturday, Jan. 26  
Tie @ UMass  
UVM: 1-1-0-0-2  
NU: 2-0-0-2

#### Men's Basketball

Friday, Jan. 25  
Win @ BU  
UVM: 24-46-70  
BU: 25-32-57

#### Women's Hockey

Friday, Jan. 25  
Loss vs. Providence  
PC: 1-1-1-3  
UVM: 1-0-1-2  
Saturday, Jan. 26  
Win vs. Providence  
PC: 1-0-0-1  
UVM: 1-0-1-2

#### Women's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan. 23  
Win vs. UNH  
UNH: 26-38-64  
UVM: 27-45-72  
Saturday, Jan. 26

Win vs. Maine  
Maine: 29-33-62  
UVM: 42-40-82

#### Swimming

Saturday, Jan. 26  
Win @ Providence  
UVM: 143  
PC: 94

#### Conference Standings

**Hockey East Men's Hockey**  
New Hampshire - (11-4-1)  
Overall - (15-7-1)  
Boston College - (8-3-6)  
Overall - (12-5-6)  
Providence - (8-5-2)  
Overall - (11-9-2)  
Northeastern - (8-5-2)  
Overall - (11-8-3)  
UMass Lowell - (6-6-4)  
Overall - (11-8-4)  
Vermont - (5-5-5)  
Overall - (6-9-7)  
Boston University - (6-8-3)  
Overall - (7-13-4)  
Massachusetts - (4-7-5)  
Overall - (9-8-6)  
Maine - (4-8-3)  
Overall - (8-11-3)  
Merrimack - (4-11-1)  
Overall - (10-11-2)

**America East Men's Basketball**  
Binghamton (6-2)

Overall - (10-10)  
UMBC - (5-2)  
Overall - (13-7)  
Vermont - (5-2)  
Overall - (10-9)  
Albany - (4-3)  
Overall - (9-10)  
Hartford - (4-3)  
Overall - (10-12)  
New Hampshire - (3-4)  
Overall - (6-13)  
Maine - (2-5)  
Overall - (6-14)  
Boston University - (2-5)  
Overall - (5-14)  
Stony Brook - (1-6)  
Overall - (4-15)

#### Hockey East Women's Hockey

New Hampshire - (11-0-1)  
Overall - (21-3-1)  
Connecticut - (7-2-2)  
Overall - (16-4-4)  
Providence - (6-3-2)  
Overall - (11-10-3)  
Boston University - (5-5-1)  
Overall - (8-11-3)  
Boston College - (4-6-2)  
Overall - (8-9-6)  
Northeastern - (4-7-0)  
Overall - (5-15-2)  
Maine - (1-7-3)  
Overall - (2-19-3)  
Vermont - (1-9-1)

Overall - (5-18-1)

#### America East Women's Basketball

Hartford - (5-1)  
Overall - (15-4)  
Vermont - (5-1)  
Overall - (14-5)  
Binghamton - (4-1)  
Overall - (6-12)  
Boston University - (3-2)  
Overall - (10-8)  
UMBC - (2-3)  
Overall - (6-12)  
Albany - (2-3)  
Overall - (4-14)  
Maine - (2-4)  
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Overall - (3-14)

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

### Good Week for Tanner Hall

By Joanna Benjamin



In the men's skiing SuperPipe final at Winter X Games 12, Tanner Hall made history, moving to the top of the all-time gold medal list.

Hall holds 10 X Games medals total, including seven golds, and is the first athlete to three-peat in two disciplines — SuperPipe and Slopestyle.

### Good Week for Bode Miller

By Jason Bushey



Bode Miller vaulted himself into first place in the World Cup standings on Sunday, winning the super-combi for the fourth time this year.

Miller, who now races independently after leaving the U.S. ski team prior to the 2007-08 season, led Austrian skier Benjamin Raich by 62 points in the World Cup.

### Good Week for Nene Hilario

By Zach Parker



The perennially injured Denver Nuggets forward/center recently dodged a bullet by having a malignant testicular tumor removed before it spread.

The Nuggets have yet to announce when Nene will end his indefinite leave of absence, but his return seems likely to come much sooner than expected.

### Bad Week for the Miami Heat

By Kat Williams



It was a bad week for the Miami Heat, who found out that Shaq is going to be out for the next two weeks due to recurring pain in his leg and hip.

Inflammation was found in the hip joint and quad muscle, forcing O'Neal to sit out for a few games.

Maybe this is a sign he should retire already.

### Good Week for the King

By Jake Ahrens



LeBron James is not only leading the NBA in scoring, but his foray into footwear is paying off.

His Cleveland Cavaliers are currently fourth in the Eastern Conference and he is so valuable to them, that they have yet to win a game with the King out of the lineup.

### Bad Week For Chuck Knoblauch

By Lance Miller



Four-time All-Star second baseman Chuck Knoblauch was subpoenaed by the Congressional committee that is investigating steroid use in baseball.

Knoblauch has been mentioned in the Mitchell Report, alongside Roger Clemens and Andy Pettite, as the men who were injected with HGH by trainer Brian McNamee.

# Super Bowl XLII preview

## New England Patriots (18-0) vs. New York Giants (13-6)

By JASON BUSHEY

Asst. Sports Editor

It is time for the most bitter-sweet day of the year: Super Bowl Sunday.

Super Bowl XLII marks the culmination of what has been a bizarre (18-0), tragic (R.I.P. Sean Taylor) and wildly entertaining season.

This year's game is a battle of Northeast powerhouses — the upstart New York Giants against the undefeated New England Patriots.

The big question heading in to the game is do the Gi-

ants really have a chance to win? The answer is yes. Well, sort of.

Three weeks ago this was a no-brainer. Tom Brady and Randy Moss both put up record-setting numbers this season.

However, Peyton and Eli Manning apparently traded places with one another before the playoffs began — kind of like Lindsay Lohan in the Parent Trap — and Eli has been lighting it up ever since.

Plaxico Burress dominated at Lambeau Field and it will be interesting to see how well the shutdown corner Asante Samuel can match up with the 6'6" Burress' height

advantage.

The best matchup, however, will be the Giants' league-leading pass rush vs. a Patriots offensive line that allowed just seven sacks all season.

It will surely be a battle in the trenches.

Advantage: Patriots

Critics have pointed to the Patriots defense, one that has a penchant for giving up big plays and has had trouble stopping the run, as New England's only weakness.

However, the Pats are undefeated, so experts are really just splitting hairs there.

On the other side, the Gi-

ants have the best pass rush in the league, led by Osi Umenyiora and Michael Strahan.

Though they are lacking big name players in the secondary, R.W. McQuarters, Aaron Ross and Corey Webster have all made a number of plays during their surprising playoff run.

Advantage: Giants

The Pick

I can't pick against Bill Belichick and Tom Brady in the freakin' Super Bowl.

I just can't — especially when coach Tom Coughlin and Eli (or is it Peyton now?) Manning are involved.

Patriots 31, Giants 21



## So, who ya' got? Staff Predictions



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## FACE OFF

KAT WILLIAMS VS. LANCE MILLER

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY



Super Bowl XLII is this Sunday. The Giants won three playoff games in a row on the road and look to avenge their 38-35 regular-season loss to the Patriots.

Do you see Eli and company taking down the undefeated Pats?

**KW:** To put it simply, no. Don't get me wrong, Eli Manning is a great QB. While not having the flashy numbers that Brady put up this season, he still improved and led his team to the Super Bowl.

What Manning doesn't have is Moss, Welker and Stallworth along with an outstanding pass protection crew — Brady has only been sacked seven times this season.

In terms of defense, the Pats are better. Especially when Richard Seymour is playing up to potential. Add Vince Wilfork into the mix and you've got a solid defensive line that's hard to beat.

**LM:** There's something to be said for a wildcard team beating the odds. The New York Giants proved they have the capability to pull off the upset against the Pats by doing so.

The Giants won three playoff games on the road, while the Patriots haven't been dominating games like they did earlier in the season — they struggled against the Chargers as Brady tossed up three picks.

It wouldn't surprise me if Eli and the Giants rolled to Arizona with a better attitude to prove to the world that the 38-35 Patriot victory in Week 17 of the regular season was no fluke.

Sydney Crosby's diagnosis after leaving a game on Jan. 18 due to injury is the always-pesky high-ankle sprain. Crosby is expected to miss around eight weeks.

Will the Penguins, second in the East, be able to make the playoffs in his absence?

**KW:** The Penguins' playoff chances rest on the shoulders of Evgeni Malkin. The young star is going to have to step up on the offensive end in order to make up for the scoring that Crosby provided for Pittsburgh.

Normally playing on the left, Malkin will move to center, a spot that will put him in a better scoring position.

Although the team will be lacking without Crosby, Malkin still leads the Penguins in goals scored (27) and power-play goals (8).

He is a force to be reckoned with and has more than enough potential to lead the team to the playoffs.

**LM:** Sydney Crosby is the best player in the NHL. His high-ankle sprain is the worst injury of his career, keeping the leader in All-Star votes off the ice until mid-March and leaving minimal time to make a playoff run.

The injury is detrimental to Pittsburgh, who is currently in a three-way race with New Jersey and Philadelphia for the lead in the Atlantic Division.

The Penguins are 1-2-3 in the six games they've played without Crosby. Hopefully they can hang on to a playoff spot while they wait for Crosby to come back, but it's unlikely given their supporting cast.

Chris Paul and the Hornets are first in the Southwest division, Brandon Roy and the surprising Trail-Blazers are atop the Northwest, and Deron Williams is thriving in Utah.

Which of these young players can take his team to the NBA finals this year?

**KW:** Well it's certainly not the Trailblazers. All they've got is Brandon Roy and LaMarcus Aldridge and we all know it takes more than two people to have a successful team — unless you're Shaq and Kobe from 2000, which they are not.

As for the Jazz, Deron Williams is pretty good and he has Carlos Boozer, but Boozer can easily be shut down. Then what, rely on Kirilenko to get things done? Yeah, right.

The Hornets would be the team to go, mainly because Chris Paul is ridiculously good, averaging 21.1 points per game and 10 assists per game all while having a stable team to back him up. West, Stojakovic and Chandler are all averaging double digits in scoring.

**LM:** Though Chris Paul's play has been the most impressive of all three young guards, Deron Williams would have to be the top choice for the guy who can take his team to the finals.

Brandon Roy and the Trailblazers are rolling right now, but they don't have what it takes to go all the way.

Chris Paul has the most raw talent, but I assume San Antonio, Dallas and Houston are going to turn it on and knock them out of first place in their division.

Deron Williams and his team have the best opportunity to knock Portland down and become a top four seed in the West.

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# Women's basketball ends homestand with win



Above: Sophomore Courtney Pilypaitis (33) is hit with the ball as New Hampshire players anticipate the collision. Pilypaitis added 19 points, five rebounds and four assists in the Jan. 23 victory.

(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

The Catamounts topped the New Hampshire Wildcats 72-64 on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Coupled with a win over Maine on Saturday, Jan. 26, Vermont extended their winning streak to four.

Below: Sophomore Alissa Sheftic (52), one of three native Vermonters, and the women's basketball team host a teaching clinic for local students on Jan. 21.



(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

# Skiing to host home carnival Feb. 1, 2

**Finishing in third place at every carnival so far this season, the ski team looks toward first**

By JAKE AHRENS  
Senior Staff Writer

The UVM ski team is looking to rebound from a slow start with their home carnival this weekend, Feb. 1 and 2, at Stowe Mountain Resort and Trapp Family Lodge.

"We were a little disappointed in our previous performances," said Bill Reichelt, Vermont Director of

Skiing and head alpine coach. "We are looking to come out firing that first day."

The team has placed third in their two previous carnivals leading up to this weekend.

"We expect to do well, and we have a lot of confidence going in," Reichelt said.

Last year, the team placed second in their home carnival, behind eventual national champion, Dartmouth, who has carried the impressive skiing over to this year.

"There is strong competition," Reichelt said. "We have a good taste of what the teams are like. We have to capitalize on their weak-

nesses or mistakes."

The alpine racing conditions at Stowe are relatively steep and fast, so the slightest mistake can turn into disaster, Reichelt said.

While the alpine team will be racing at Stowe mountain, the Nordic team will be close by at Trapp Family Lodge.

On Friday, both the men's and women's Nordic teams will be racing in the 10k classic. The sprint races will be held on Saturday.

"We have been off to a slow start," head Nordic coach Paul Stone said. "But we are building some momentum."

Juniors Juergen Uhl and

Ryan Kerrigan have been skiing well for the men — Uhl sweeping the 20k classic so far this season — while sophomore Jennie Bender and junior Katrina Howe have both been integral for the women's side.

"We have a young team, and we're trying to develop some of our younger skiers," Stone said.

Vermont's hopes are high and may be enough to successfully defend their home slopes. "Everyone has to be on top of their games and have a great weekend," Reichelt said.

## OUTREACH

Continued from A12

challenging in different ways.

Though some of the athletes Merritt instructed were members of the Zimbabwe National Field Hockey Team, she was forced to tell the male pros-

pects the harsh reality of field hockey in America.

"It was so tough to tell the kids that the United States has no male field hockey," she said.

Merritt's female players, however, took advantage of the knowledge the instructors provided.

"They were showing their stuff,"

Merritt said. "The girls were very excited — they would ask me, 'What do I need to do to become a success?'"

Immediately, the athletes and coaches developed a strong bond.

"They saw us as the people who would help them reach their dreams," Parsons-Reinhardt said.

The two coaches were particularly touched by the gratitude and respect the athletes showed them throughout their stay.

Despite Zimbabwe's current struggles, both Merritt and Parsons-Reinhardt agreed the athletes were very proud to be from Zimbabwe.

"The kids are very optimistic and hopeful good days are ahead," Parsons-Reinhardt said.

In addition to coaching the athletes, Parsons-Reinhardt and Merritt also instructed other coaches, opening them up to fresh ideas and methods that have been developed in the States.

Though the two coaches do not plan on returning as instructors to Africa's 1000, they are not finished with the program.

Their objective now is to spread the program to those with a greater means of helping the athletes.

"I want to share my experience with others and get people involved who can do more than I can," Parsons-Reinhardt said.

"It was a wonderful experience and I'm so glad we got to share it together," Merritt said. "Munya [Maraire] is definitely on to something."



(Muff Parsons-Reinhardt)

Robin Merritt (far left) leads a field hockey clinic during in Zimbabwe in conjunction with the Africa's 100 program.

## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief



## Hockey and The Boot

Big news on campus? Well, how about two great weekends in a row for the men's hockey team — right now it looks like they're finding the right track, and the back of the net.

At home two weeks ago, the Cats played great in a 2-2 draw with Northeastern, which they followed up with an invigorating 5-2 win over the Huskies the next night.

Oh yeah, Northeastern was ranked #9 at the time.

At UMass this past weekend, Vermont went out Friday night and outgunned the Minutemen 5-4. Saturday night was not quite as high-scoring, but the boys from Burlington still notched a point in Hockey East with a 2-2 tie.

Oh yeah, UMass was ranked #14.

This sets up a HUGE homestand this weekend: Friday night the Cats get always-tough UNH, who sit atop the Hockey East standings, and Sunday they get UMass-Lowell, who are also in the top-20 as of January 27, 2008.

A win against UNH this Friday night could bring even more life to what appears to be a hockey team on the rise.

Anything less will be just that, but the potential exists for a surging, momentum-laden Hockey East campaign the likes of which we have yet to really see out of the Cats.

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Big news elsewhere? Brady says "bye-bye" to The Boot!

I admit it's a ridiculous story in almost every sense. The scrutiny placed on the peculiar footwear chosen by the Patriots quarterback last week is silly but also somewhat warranted when you take into account that Brady is the leader of the only 18-0 NFL team ever.

The golden boy of perfection's team was photographed wearing a protective boot on his foot — as we all know now — while walking into his gf Gisele Bundchen's New York City home. Later that day, though, he was seen sans Boot.

Brady went unseen by the media after that, although it was discovered that he did suffer a minor high ankle sprain in the AFC championship game.

But now, no Boot! Whew!

An article on ESPN.com Sunday chronicled nearly every wing-tipped step Brady took at the Patriots pre-Super Bowl send-off. No sign of a limp!

And, really, it's a perfect story to follow the Tony Romo-Jessica Simpson-T.O.-Dallas Cowboys drama of the week before.

Let's blame Jessica for Tony's team losing and then let's blame Tony for the Cowboys' loss and then let's cry about it at the press conference (T.O., I'm winking at you from behind my big sunglasses).

Now we all get to wait for the Super Bowl to be over before we can really decide which QB's lady-friend provided the best pre-game care.

A Brady win, and Gisele looks even prettier in the eyes of the media — more wholesome, maybe? — But a Brady loss and you had better expect some questions.

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## This Week

Tuesday, Jan. 29 – Monday, Feb. 4

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

**Men's Basketball**  
@ Hartford  
Hartford, R.I. 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 1

**Men's Hockey**  
vs. UNH  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 8 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
@ Boston College  
Boston, Mass. 2 p.m.

**Skiing**  
Vermont Carnival  
Stowe, Vt. and Trapp Family Lodge

### SATURDAY, FEB. 2

**Men's Basketball**  
vs. UMBC  
Patrick Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**  
@ Boston University  
Boston, Mass., 1 p.m.

**Women's Hockey**  
@ Boston College  
Boston, Mass. 2 p.m.

**Men's and Women's Skiing**  
Vermont Carnival  
Stowe, Vt. and Trapp Family Lodge

**Track and Field**  
@ Dartmouth  
Hanover, N.H. 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 3

**Men's Hockey**  
vs. UMass-Lowell  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

# Realizing *true* Merritt

UVM's Robin Merritt and Muff Parsons-Reinhardt spent November 2007 in Zimbabwe doing clinics and outreach with Africa's 1000 program

By JASON BUSHEY  
Asst. Sports Editor

In a California hotel room on a recruiting trip in November 2007, Robin Merritt, assistant coach for the UVM field hockey team, was asked a surprising question from a fellow field hockey recruiter: "Do you want to go to Africa?"

Merritt was asked to take part in a coaching clinic for athletes in Zimbabwe as part of the Africa's 1000 program.

Intrigued and excited, Robin asked her friend, former UVM tennis coach and current Physical Education professor Muff Parsons-Reinhardt if she would like to join her at the clinic coaching tennis.

The only catch? They would be leaving in less than two weeks.

Before Parsons-Reinhardt had a chance to say 'yes,' two

plane tickets for Zimbabwe arrived in the mail.

A week and a half later, the pair found themselves in Zimbabwe deciphering what exactly their role would be at the athletic clinic.

"We went on the faith and trust that it would all work out," says Merritt. "Everything sort of fell in to place."

Upon arrival, the two coaches were informed further as to what the Africa's 1000 program actually was.

Founded by Zimbabwe native Munya Maraire, CEO of World Wide Scholarships (WWS), the program serves as a platform for African athletes to showcase their talents in front of college recruiters from the United States.

According to Africa's 1000's official website, "the aim of the program is to develop and link

African nations' talent with the vast amount of opportunities available to them overseas, mainly in the USA."

Maraire took advantage of his exceptional athletic and academic talents and found himself at Penn State University on a full scholarship.

It was there that he excelled at track and field and as a walk on to the football team.

Three years ago, Munya connected WWS with the Africa's 1000 project as a way to give back to his country.

"Munya is an inspiration to all the kids in the program," Parsons-Reinhardt said. "He is proof to the kids that it is possible to achieve their dreams."

From day one at the clinic, both Merritt and Parsons-Reinhardt were introduced to the hardships the people of Zimbabwe live with every day.

Zimbabwe is currently in the middle of a food shortage, which is a product of flawed land reforms at the beginning of the decade, a lengthy drought and the HIV/AIDS epidemic. As a result, the coaching clinic lacked simple things that many take for granted, such as working athletic equipment.

"It was a huge challenge for me," Parsons-Reinhardt said. "On the first day, I was the only coach there, there were 33 kids, it was raining, they had no tennis balls and very few rackets."

Luckily, Parsons-Reinhardt had brought some equipment of her own, but already she was gaining perspective of the obstacles these promising athletes had to overcome.

Merritt, too, found the clinic



Muff Parsons-Reinhardt poses for a photo with boys from one of her tennis clinics in Zimbabwe last November.

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## MEN'S HOCKEY – ON THE MAP

The UVM men's hockey team boasts players from Los Angeles to Quebec and Sweden to Slovakia.  
The Cats house a few locals, but they feature more players from Minnesota on their roster than they do Green Mountain Staters.  
So the next time the inclination arises for an international show, look no further than the ice inside Gutterson Fieldhouse.

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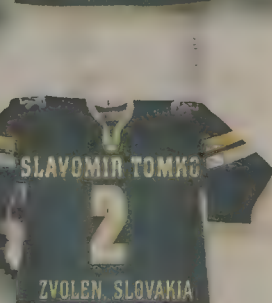
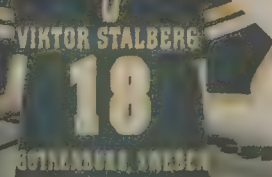
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## SHOCKED!



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New York Giants fan celebrate their team's come from behind victory of the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII on Redstone. The Giants came back from four points down with a dramatic drive that culminated in a touchdown pass from game MVP Eli Manning to Plaxico Burress with 35 seconds remaining in the game. The Patriots came into the game as the only team to have started a season 18-0 but could not match the '72 Miami Dolphins as the only team to have completed a season undefeated. After starting the season with two straight losses, the Giants turned around their season and finished winning an unprecedented 11 consecutive games on the road.

## Dean of College of Agriculture and Life Science to resign

By BEN CONARCK

Cynic Correspondent

After serving as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for seven years, Dr. Rachel Johnson has announced she is stepping down after the conclusion of this spring semester to pursue a temporary leave.

Dr. Johnson contributed to the USDA/Department of Health and Human Services 2000 Dietary Guidelines for Americans advisory committee and is widely recognized for her work on the effects of sweetened beverages in the diets of children.

Johnson is frequently featured as a commentator on Vermont Public Radio and runs her own column in "Eating Well" magazine.

Locally, Dr. Johnson has played an active role sponsoring outreach programs dedicated to solving the nutrition, dietary and agricultural issues of Vermont.

"I am grateful to Dean Johnson for her leadership at CALS," said David Marvin,

chair of the advisory board for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and owner, with his wife Lucy, of Butter-nut Mountain Farm of Morrisville, Vt.

"She understands how important the University's land grant mission is to maintaining Vermont's working landscape and has been a champion for the College as it delivers on that mission."

Johnson played a leading role both fundraising for and designing of the new \$55 million Plant and Soil Science building, scheduled to begin construction in spring of 2008.

"It's a fabulous building," Johnson said "...we'll be conducting state of the art research on everything from plant biology to cross-college ecological and environmental sciences."

Johnson's expertise and professionalism have established her as a widely respected and admired leader at the University of Vermont. Undoubtedly, her departure from the University will leave a significant void in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

community.

UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel said, "We are deeply appreciative of the leadership and vision Rachel Johnson has brought over the course of many years to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, to the Univer-

**"She's a wonderful person to work with. She's enthusiastic, energetic, she works corroboratively and is a great leader. She brings out the best in people and I'm going to miss her."**

**-Robin Smith, Administrative Assistant**

sity and to the state of Vermont..." according to a press release.

He added later, "The University will now make every effort to identify another out-

standing leader for CALS to follow in her footsteps."

With a national search underway for a new dean to take her former position, Johnson plans to return to the University in July of 2009, although she says returning to her former position as dean is not a possibility.

Johnson plans to spend most of her time on leave traveling with her husband, though she said, "I do have a couple of graduate students that I am working with and I am committed to continuing to work with them."

"What's been really fascinating to me is how our work on children's beverage choices has developed into some really meaningful policy around children's access to soft drinks in schools," Johnson said.

In the quiet offices of Morrill Hall, the Dean's administrative assistant Robin Smith said, "She's a wonderful person to work with. She's enthusiastic, energetic, she works corroboratively and is a great leader. She brings out the best in people and I'm going to miss her."

## UVM joins 1400 colleges to "Focus the Nation"

By JENNA TOFFERI

Cynic Correspondent

During this past week's Focus the Nation events, President Fogel announced the University's new commitment to climate. At the event, President Daniel Mark Fogel introduced the new Office of Sustainability, a commission on sustainability and the change in our environmental commission to a forum.

From January 27th to February 1st, UVM participated in Focus the Nation. This "national educational initiative on global warming solutions for America" hosted a series of events to further educate the students of the University on global climate change.

UVM held over 80 teach-ins and 30 events throughout the week which were in conjunction with 16 departments across campus. Dr. Stephanie Kaza, both a professor at UVM and a speaker for the climactic event SPEAK OUT, stated that UVM is in the top 5 percent of over 1,000 universities participating in Focus the Nation across the entire country.

At a performance this past Tuesday, Donald Knaack, also known as "The Junkman," performed in the Silver Maple Ballroom in support of Focus the Nation, sending a clear message of the steps he thinks UVM students should take to immediately combat global climate change.

"Your generation is the only one I've seen that has the chance and the integrity to achieve this change...I hope your generation really does make the difference..."

The Junkman used various recycled objects including a Beck's mini keg, a conch shell, half of a skateboard, a curtain rod, hubcaps and a tide container to drum out beats for almost two hours.

Knaack states he has been playing on recycled instruments for about 15 years. Before this he had trained as a percussionist for orchestral music. He has appeared with Phish, Late Night with Conan O'Brien and jammed out on the Vans Warped Tour.

On Friday a policy workshop was held again in the Silver Maple Ballroom addressing what was being done on the local, state, federal and international levels towards global climate change. State

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# SGA works to make dorms safer

**After an increase of dorm crime, the student government addresses how to minimize the problem of student theft**

By MEGAN BRANCCACIO

Senior Staff Writer

From fall 2006 to fall 2007, there was a spike in the number of incidents occurring in resident halls around campus.

After going through crime logs on the Police Services Web site over the past few months, chair of the Student Action Committee, Jay Taylor,

said that he realized there were several more burglary/larceny incidents than last year.

By definition, burglary is the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft, and larceny is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away with property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

In fall 2006, the number of incidents peaked around 20 in September, but this past fall the number steadily increased from around 12 in September to nearly 25 in November, according to the UVM Police Services crime log.

"There has been a noticeable increase in incidents, but they also seem to be isolated... on Athletic Campus," Taylor said.

He added that the buildings experiencing the most crimes are Living/Learning, University Heights North and Harris/Millis. However, "There doesn't seem to be any obvious reason for [this] concentration."

"Card access locks can only help so much. It's really a cultural issue," Taylor said. "Tailgating remains the single biggest weakness in residence hall security."

Kathy Cook, Senior Assistant Director for Athletic

Campus, said that all of the thefts of which she is aware have occurred in rooms that were unlocked and unattended.

"In all cases, the thefts occurred by people simply walking into rooms and walking away with items," she said.

UVM Officer Jason Bellavance believes that 98 percent of all burglaries within individual rooms were not forced entries, said Taylor.

"Often times the individual perpetrating these crimes will go door to door and see which doors are unlocked.

When they find one that is empty, they strike quickly, grabbing what is easy," Taylor

said.

The items that are commonly taken from rooms include laptops, iPods, small televisions and anything easy to grab, he said.

With the help of Officer Bellavance and resident directors on Athletic Campus, Taylor said that he is working toward a plan for a blind audit in these buildings to check the security.

"There...seems to be a perception that this sort of thing doesn't happen here," Taylor said.

"Unfortunately, it's time to accept these crimes as a part of our world and take necessary steps to prevent them."

## Students organize group for environmentally-friendly toilet paper

**New nationwide initiative held campus wide events to raise awareness about environmental consequences of using Kimberly-Clark toilet paper and products**

By SARAH ROSENTHAL

Cynic Correspondent

Last Thursday, UVM students wearing t-shirts that read "UVM Forest Crimes Unit", congregated in the Davis Center as part of Kleercut protest.

Students carried signs that read "Know What You Flush Your Dumps = Stumps"

This new independent activist group has temporarily dubbed themselves "UVM Forest Crimes Unit".

The UVM Forest Crimes Unit is working to help UVM join in the movement, along with schools like Harvard, Skidmore College and American University to cut ties with the corporation Kimberly-

Clark. UVM students are starting with the Kleercut campaign.

Kimberly-Clark, which makes Scott and Kleenex products, is distributed campus wide. Scott toilet paper has minimal amounts of post-consumer recycled content.

Kleenex products have none. This means that both the tissues and tissue boxes are not coming from materials that are made from 100 percent virgin pulp.

The paper comes from clear cutting ancient old-growth boreal forests, which stretch across Alaska and Canada. Old growth forests help to support ecosystem biodiversity and are known for being among the most efficient in turning carbon into oxygen.

Because most Kimberly-Clark products are simply flushed down the toilets, around 65,000 tons of custodial paper waste are generated at UVM every year. Kimberly-Clark doesn't have the forest certifications to prove their "environmental practices".

Students held their first Kleercut meeting in early November.

With increased knowledge and

consciousness spreading around campus, the Kleercut meetings continue to have bigger turnouts.

Basil Tsimoyianis, UVM junior and chief investigator into this issue said, "We've opened our doors to each other, our homes have become our offices."

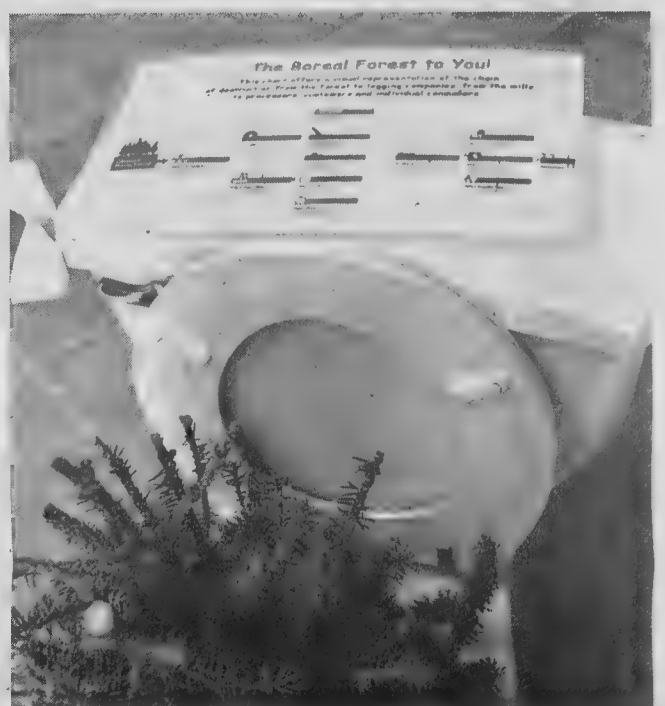
The organization found more faculty support, and got over 800 students to sign a petition against Kimberly-Clark.

The goal of this group is to help UVM find better alternatives and replacement industries to support.

Right now, the best alternatives are Cascades products.

Cascades brand products have a high post-consumer recycled content, with a Greenseal environmental certification to back it up.

Cascades is sold by White River Paper Company, the same distributors for Kimberly-Clark products. Representatives from Cascades have expressed interest in coming to UVM to talk about making a closed-loop, financially sound introduction of their products on our campus.



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A sculpture of a tree inside a toilet symbolizing the destruction of the boreal forests at the Davis Center last week. UVM students are working to get a new toilet paper supplier.

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## SGA recognizes UVM Club Wrestling

By MEGAN BRANCCACIO

Senior Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, the Student Government Association (SGA) voted to officially recognize a UVM Club Wrestling team.

Nick Cafarelli, a UVM sophomore, said that he decided to form the Wrestling Club during the fall semester because he knew of a few students that would be interested.

"Within the first few hours of completing the club forms, a meeting was set up for that night and eleven kids showed up," Cafarelli said, "[Then] I presented the idea to Marissa Couzens."

Marissa Couzens is the chair of the Student Activities Committee (SAC).

"The [SAC] is designed to help students go through the necessary steps in order to start a club, help them design their constitution as well as plans for the future and how to ensure the longevity of the club," Couzens said.

Cafarelli assured the en-

tire Senate at the meeting on Tuesday that, with already 23 members and a dedicated coach, Aaron Kinsey, there will definitely still be interest in the club even after summer break.

There is no collegiate wrestling in Vermont, but now, UVM is part of the Northwest Conference of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA), said Cafarelli.

The team has already had five meetings, said Cafarelli. "Seeing the same kids show up meeting after meeting was really encouraging."

Zack Ziskan, another member of the team said, "we have a solid group of guys, and we don't push anyone away."

Now that the club is official, they are looking to buy uniforms and possibly organizing a tournament, said Cafarelli.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in Wing Hall. "We are still looking for those who want to learn because you don't know how good you are until you try," Cafarelli said.



# News Summary

## NATIONAL

### Edwards drops out of race for president

Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards dropped out of the Presidential race on Wednesday in the Ninth Ward in New Orleans. Edwards will not endorse either of the other democratic candidates: Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

### McCain wins Florida primary

Senator John McCain beat out Mitt Romney in the Florida primary last Tuesday in a very tight race. Romney came in a close second followed by Rudy Giuliani and Mike Huckabee.

### Obama raises record \$32 million

Senator Barack Obama raised a record breaking \$32 million for his presidential campaign in January. No nominee has ever raised that much in such a short period of time.

### Nader considering another run at president

Ralph Nader said that he would run for president if he raised enough money. Nader has run for president with independent parties for the past three elections.

### Spears admitted to mental health hospital

Britney Spears was escorted to the hospital by police Wednesday night for a mental health evaluation. Her mother, Lynn Spears, said she was resting at the hospital.

### New evidence in Holloway disappearance

A reporter issued a statement that may help solve the case of Natalee Holloway, an American student who was on a graduation trip in 2005 and mysteriously disappeared. The new evidence has not yet been revealed.

### Filmmaker settles for \$30 million

An tentative agreement has been made between cameraman Brian Butler and survivors and families of victims after Butler filmed the fire at the Station nightclub in Warwick, RI in 2003. The settlement has been made for 30 million dollars.

### Giuliani and Schwarzenegger support McCain

California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has put his support behind Senator John McCain for President. This follows former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani endorsement of McCain earlier in the week. Both endorsements come just before Super Tuesday on Feb. 5.

### Four dead in Chicago mall shooting

Police report that at least four people are dead after being shot in a Suburban Chicago shopping center. Police are unsure of any motives and are searching for a suspect.

### Fanatic sports fans may face cardiac risks

With the help of German research, a study published in The New England Journal shows that a heart-pounding sports event may be bad for the heart. Data gathered during the 2006 World Cup shows that when the German team played cardiac emergencies more than tripled for men and nearly doubled for women.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Frazer says Kenya is not a genocide

American diplomat, Jendayi Frazer, in Kenya stated that while the violence in the African nation should not be considered a genocide, there is some ethnic cleansing. Kikuyus, the ethnic group that disputed presidential winner is affiliated with have

### Chinese blizzards lead to raised food prices

Blizzards in China have disrupted coal deliveries via rail and caused acute electricity shortages across much of the country. This, in turn, has led to increases in the costs of many foodstuffs in major cities and exposed the fragility of China's booming economy.

### Judge bans float with images of Hitler

A judge in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil has banned a Carnival float that had images of dead bodies and Hitler. The judge said that the event is supposed to be happy celebration. The group will face a fine if they do not remove the images and depictions.

### Al-Qaeda member found dead

Abu Laith al-Libi, a high ranking member of al-Qaeda and suspected leader of Osama bin Laden's terror network in Afghanistan, was killed this week. The cause of his death is unknown, however investigators believe he was killed by a US missile strike.

### France's Sarkozy Marries Carla Bruni

France's president Nicolas Sarkozy, 53, married supermodel-turned singer Carla Bruni, 40, at his home last week. Sarkozy becomes the first French President to marry while in office, four months after he was the first to get divorced while in office.

### Bus bomb kills at least 18 in Sri Lanka

In the latest in a series of bomb attacks blamed on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) a bomb exploded on a bus in the central Sri Lankan town of Dambulla. According to the military, the explosion killed at least 18 people and wounded 50.

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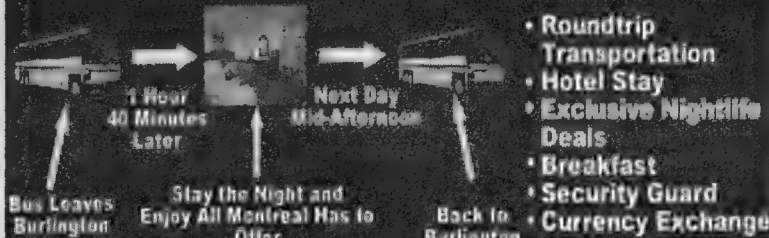
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**Disturbing  
quote of  
the week:**

**“We just  
need  
to slow  
down the  
economy.”**

—Former President  
Bill Clinton on fighting  
global warming.

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## Why Vermont doesn't matter

Every four years a number of wealthy social elites descend upon New Hampshire, Iowa, Nevada and a handful of other states fortunate enough to have early primaries and caucuses.

They campaign for the voters in these states, hoping that early wins, even in relatively small states, will give them the momentum and attention needed to compete in later, larger “Super Tuesday” states.

Policy pronouncements are tailored for people living in these areas, and time and resources are spent here in vastly disproportionate sums.

This year Rudy Giuliani ignored this strategy and paid dearly for it, while John McCain, seasoned after decades in politics, played the game and staged a remarkable late-in-the-game comeback.

But what of the later states? Resi-

dents of these places, Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and others, home states of a great many students at this university, find that by the time the election rolls around to them, the game is largely decided.

Candidates have dropped out and momentum and polls have shone favorably upon a lucky few.

People living in these places — and there are a lot of them — have fewer choices at their disposal because the earlier states have already had their say.

In a sense, they, or rather we, are lesser participants in the democracy.

And Vermont is perhaps the biggest loser in all of this. Though our neighbors in New Hampshire enjoy a quadrennial burst of attention, we are left mostly ignored and forgotten. This is the one state never visited by George

W. Bush. He has been to North Dakota, Hawaii and Alaska, but never Vermont.

Yet the rationale behind this system is rarely discussed.

We talk about the system itself at great length, we know it's there, but we tend not to examine the merits and pitfalls of the system which will decide who leads the most powerful nation in the world for the next four years.

Picture yourself riding in a car that sputters, leaks gas and pulls very heavily to the right. Would you remark to yourself about its peculiarities and go on driving, or would you pull over and get it fixed? There's only one sane choice here.

Our primary system is sputtering, leaking gas, and pulling very heavily to the right and we in Vermont are paying the price. But if we call out for help will anyone pull over?

## We decry: those stupid clickers

Sometimes we forget that technology is there to complement our lives, not take it over.

Like jewelry, a little here and there can be nice but if you wear a solid gold brick around your neck, it's not going to be long before you realize what a bad choice such excesses can be.

Just because something seems dazzling and nice, doesn't mean it's going to fit comfortably into our lives.

The same can be said of that annoying clicker that many students are made to buy for their classes.

They are expensive, awkward and of dubious value.

It should seem obvious that some things just don't need to be augmented with electronic circuitry. Attendance-taking is one of these things.

For thousands, if not millions of

years, professors have managed with nothing more than a slip of paper to accurately gauge who is and who is not in class. It's easy and cheap; the students even supply their own pens and pencils for this task.

And, in the days of yore, the roll was called — a more environmentally sustaining device than even the pen-and-paper method.

Whoever decided that these “clickers” were a good idea has forgotten that technology is about innovation. It is about making our lives simpler, easier and in some ways more elegant.

The geniuses who designed the perhaps most shining example of good technology in all of our lives, the iPod, were not of the same, “more buttons are good” mindset that the inventors of the clicker seem to have been. As a

result they crafted something simple, powerful and revolutionary.

They changed the world because they tailored the iPod only to match the needs and wants of the human beings who would be using them.

We ask everyone in charge of anything, but most particularly the faculty of this school, to remember this.

When you're going to bring a new piece of technology into the classroom, make sure it's going to be working for yourself and for the students using it, not against.

Make sure that there are clear benefits for the investment you are requiring of your students, because, if it's not furthering the education that they pay for, odds are it's not worth it.



## A textbook case of extortion

It's the fourth week of school now. Add/Drop is over and the bookstore is no longer taking returns. I really hope you are happy with your purchases, especially considering what you may have spent on books.



Tom Mertz

Publishing companies must lick their lips when students return from summer and semester breaks. They get to sell the same stuff they sold last semester over again.

Hopefully if you did have a return, you didn't unwrap the book from the shrink-wrap.

You can't return a book that is out of the shrink-wrap, apparently there is a shortage of shrink-wrap machines in the world.

Those of you who bought books a few weeks ago probably noticed something about the price: they never seem to go down! No matter how old a piece of information is, a hard-bound and shiny cover can jack the price back up as if the facts were just discovered yesterday.

How is it that an algebra textbook can sell for over \$100? How old is algebra? Humanity has known the information in that textbook for hundreds of years, doesn't the value of information decrease as it gets older and as more people know it. Should we have to pay to find

out the world is round?

UVM wants to be a socially liberal university with a progressively social agenda. Part of that (maybe the most important part) is recognizing that equality is important.

There is nothing equal about selling old information at prices that poor people (about 5.5 billion on Earth) can't afford. Thinking you own information can be thought of as oppression against those who can't afford it.

The University claims that lowering the cost of education is important and so do all our politicians. Since the price of tuition isn't going down, how about the price of textbooks? Would issuing textbooks high-school style not help lower the cost of education?

The insanely high price that we pay for information reflects a terrible view that information can be owned. Why doesn't information belong to humanity collectively?

It should be free.

Other universities around the country aren't afraid to try open sources (free information) but UVM, when presented with a proposal, comes down with a flat out no. "No open sources."

If you want to learn here you have to pay twice, not just tuition but for books as well. And we don't care if information should belong to the world (wouldn't that promote social justice and equality?) we're charging thousands of dollars because we can.

Why not a preference for

non-profit publishing companies? Why not standard issue textbooks that are owned by the departments?

Math, History and English departments are clearly in a position to adopt the grade school system of standard issue books. These subjects simply don't change. If the book is damaged or not returned at the end of the semester, then charge the student.

It is my opinion that information about the world we all live in should belong to everyone who lives in it.

But this University will no doubt continue to resist exploring ways to bring down the cost of books.

## The idle caveman

A democracy is a living thing and its beating heart is a well informed, educated citizenry.

If the decision making process of a nation is not motivated by these things, it stands to reason that their choices will be bad ones and the nation will die.

For many people who have neither the time nor the inclination to read, television is their only source of information about the world.



Jeremy Standish Spiro-Winn

There may have once been a time when this was OK, when there was a sense that journalistic integrity and faithfulness actually mattered.

These times are long gone, replaced by an era of shamelessness that is in a very powerful sense destroying this nation.

A wash of colors and high-tech graphics have replaced the steady, respectable and for these reasons good anchors of years past.

But perhaps the greatest quality of any truly good newscast is that it's boring. Let me say that again: a good newscast is boring.

It seems counterintuitive, after all, we hate boredom.

Of course we hate boredom, we do so for very good reasons. At its best it is mildly irritating and at its worst, it is a torturous, soul-crushing thing.

But our hatred of boredom pushes the human race forward.

I like to think of it in the same way I do a zombie attack: it's not that hard to escape, but stand still and you'll be eaten alive.

When we have nothing to occupy ourselves, boredom forces us to do... things. Without it, we would be content spending our days doing nothing more than staring off into space.

But when bored we fidget,

futz and fiddle with the world about us, And out of that idle activity is birthed creativity.

Think of the caveman who has nothing to do but bang on a stump with his fists and suddenly finds he has created music.

Sometimes we don't create physical things from the get go, but instead turn towards contemplation.

But this contemplation, though idle and useless at first, often leads to creation.

The caveman wonders what might happen when fire is combined with meat, and invents cooking.

But the dazzling colors and spectacle of cable news force that boredom out of our minds

and as a result we need not look within for stimulation.

In fact, we need not think at all.

So we don't think when the politician tells us one thing and does another. We don't think when he promises us things beyond his ability. We don't think when he offers us the most baffling explanations for the things he does.

And we find ourselves here, today, with a re-elected George W. Bush running the country into the ground and a congress that has lived up to none of its promise.

If we either can't or don't think, how can we — *We the people* — expect to run a country?

## Letters to the Editor

### What would Jesus Smoke?

I strongly agree, the relatively safe God-given plant cannabis (kaneh boshm marijuana) should be "legal completely" (Burlington Says 'Nope' To Dope, Jan. 29, 2008) and one reason that doesn't get mentioned is because it is biblically correct according to Christ God Our Father.

The Ecologist indicates He created all the seed-bearing

plants, saying they are all good, on literally the very first page.

The only biblical restriction placed on cannabis is that it is to be accepted with thankfulness (see 1 Timothy 4:1-5).

Respectfully,

Stan White  
Dillon, CO

DISAGREE WITH SOMETHING?  
OFFENDED BY SOMETHING?  
DISGUSTED BY SOMETHING?

**GOOD!**

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### S.L.A.P. not given a fair shake

"FUCK THE PIG STATE," reads one of the signs in last week's cover photos about the Student Labor Action Project's (SLAP) Student Labor Summit.

I do not believe that this photo adequately represents the discourse of the conference or SLAP's continued struggle for livable wages and workers' rights at UVM.

What's more, the image presented by *The Cynic* panders to traditionally sensationalist media portrayals of activists and protests that play up the actions and slogans of some at the expense of the substance of the whole organization.

A more representative portrayal of SLAP and its conference would have explained that students, teachers, organizers and others from across the state came together to discuss livable wages, workers' rights and sweat-free clothing, including a panel chaired by Senator Bernie Sanders and workers from around the state.

A more representative

portrayal of SLAP would have contextualized the conference as part of an almost four year struggle for livable wages at UVM.

In fact, students, staff and faculty have consistently demanded that President Daniel Mark Fogel implement compensation policies that meet the basic needs of UVM's lowest paid workers.

Within this framework, SLAP has highlighted the daily struggles of workers on this campus, struggles that include having to work two or three jobs just to pay rent, or even sacrificing certain basic needs like heat in the winter to put food on the table.

SLAP has always maintained, and will continue to maintain, that these are choices that no employees of this University should ever have to make.

And finally, a more representative portrayal of SLAP would have recognized President Fogel's staunch resistance to taking any substantive action to remedy the harms of paying poverty

wages.

In this way, the administration has put up road block after roadblock to implementing any real livable wage policy.

From creating committees to overly exaggerate the costs associated with paying livable wages, Fogel has shown little genuine interest in moving forward with policy alterations, namely providing increased compensation for Sodexo food service workers.

Time after time, a broad based coalition of workers, students, community members, staff and faculty have demanded an end to poverty wages at UVM and time after time we have been met with excuses and inaction.

It is time now for UVM to make genuine, positive movement towards implementing a livable wage policy.

Respectfully,

Maxwell Tracy  
Class of 2009





Brendan Raftery '10



Ji Eun Kim '10



Liza Cannon '11



Wesley bascom '10

What is the most important meal of the day?

Munchies.

Dinner. Because I can't sleep hungry.

Midnight snack. Because I don't sleep.

Breakfast. Gotta start the day right.

What kind of lunchbox did you have growing up?

Brown paper bag.

Aladdin and Jasmine.

Da Vinci's "The Last Supper."

A small cloth satchel.

What is your lucky charm?

C'mon, I'm Irish.

Number 8.

The Amelie soundtrack.

My recycled organic cow milk wallet.

Who's your daddy?

Dick Cheney.

Tae Ki Kim.

Sugar.

The Man.

# CYNICAL INQUISITION

Cynical Inquisitor: Josh Lee

## This Week → 2.5 - 2.11

### tue

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Waterman 350B  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SA CONCERTS  
MEETING  
Davis Center  
6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

STAR MEETING  
Lafayette Hall  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

BLACK STUDENT  
UNION  
L/L 216  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S RUGBY  
GENERAL INFO  
MEETING  
Billings MLK Lounge  
7:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### wed

BLACK EXPERIENCE  
ON FILM  
Davis Center  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

SEX RULES!  
Davis Center  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

COMMUNITY FORUM  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

FMLA FILM  
SCREENING  
L/L 216  
8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

THE NAVIGATORS  
Billings North  
Lounge  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### thu

AMERICAN RED  
CROSS BLOOD DRIVE  
Patrick Gym Front  
Lobby  
12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

OPEN MIC NIGHT  
Davis Center  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

RHYTHM & BREWS  
COFFEEHOUSE  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

UPB NIGHT OWL  
COMEDY SERIES  
Brennan's Pub  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

HEBREW  
CONVERSATION  
GROUP  
L/L A161  
8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### fri

SHABBAT TO GO  
Davis Center  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

LGBTQ ALLY TRAINING  
Davis Center  
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

NORDIC VOICES A  
CAPELLA ENSEMBLE  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

DIVA DICTION  
Davis Center  
7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

UPD FRIDAY NIGHT  
MUSIC  
Brennan's Pub  
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

### sat

WRITING AND  
TEACHING  
Waterman 427A  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

COMEDY: ROB  
RIGGLE OF THE DAILY  
SHOW  
Higher Ground  
Doors @ 6:30 p.m.  
Show @ 7 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT  
MOVIE  
Billings Ira Allen  
Lecture Hall  
8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

THE POOGIE BELL  
BAND  
Nectar's  
11 p.m. (21+)

### sun

HILLEL BAGEL  
BRUNCH  
Billings North  
Lounge  
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL VS  
STONY BROOK  
Partick Gym  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

BOOGIE  
WONDERLAND  
FAMILY DANCE  
PARTY  
Higher Ground  
3 p.m.

WRUV STATION  
MEETING  
Davis Center  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### mon

PANDEMIC OPEN  
FORUM  
Davis Center  
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

BROOKE BERGER -  
COLBURN GALLERY  
TALK  
Williams 301  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP  
Davis Center  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

VERMONT CYNIC  
STAFF MEETING  
Lafayette L108  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

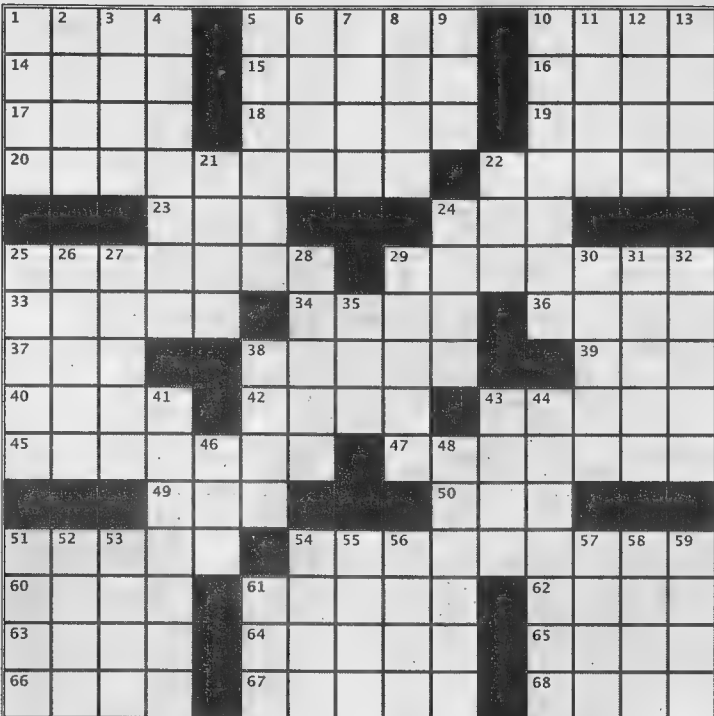
MEN'S BASKETBALL  
VS ALBANY  
Patrick Gym  
7:30 p.m. - 10:30  
p.m.

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## CROSSWORD



## P U Z Z L E

### ACROSS

- 1- Bring into existence  
5- Humiliate  
10- "Dancing Queen" quartet  
14- Type of song, to be sung solo  
15- "M\*A\*S\*H" name  
16- \_\_\_\_-do-well  
17- You can't catch fish without them!  
18- Inanimate object  
19- Treehouse used by birds  
20- Woman who conducts others to their seats  
22- Quizzes, trials  
23- At a great distance  
24- Void  
25- Monetary unit of Mauritania  
29- Chooses; 33- Fishhook line  
34- Wagers  
36- Dreadful  
37- Agency of the United Nations  
38- HOMES, e.g.  
39- Metal, often used as a container  
40- Monetary unit of the Netherlands  
42- Gossip bit  
43- Exhaust  
45- Save  
47- Nasal cavities  
49- Regret  
50- Pass away, perish  
51- Grain to be ground  
54- Pierce  
60- Couldn't find  
61- Hood-shaped anatomical part  
62- Secured, as victory  
63- Competent

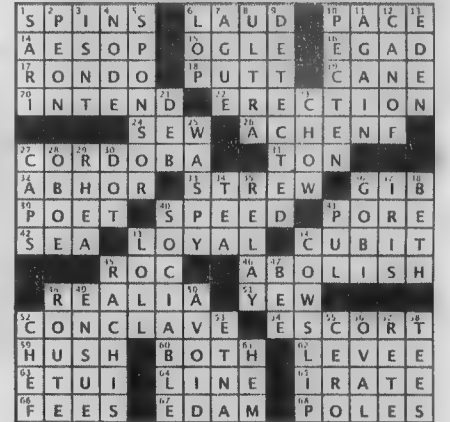
- 64- Showy action  
65- Kind of cod  
66- Notable exploit, legal document  
67- Flavor  
68- Whirlpool

### DOWN

- 1- Hindu lawgiver  
2- Son of Zeus in Greek mythology  
3- Acquaintances  
4- Pleasant  
5- Blood vessel  
6- Monetary unit of Thailand  
7- Mine entrance  
8- Completely without madness  
9- Unit of energy  
10- Added  
11- Honey producers  
12- Of the highest quality  
13- Collective word for intellectual pursuits  
21- Complain  
22- "... the cows come home"  
24- Scottish loch, home to a monster!  
25- Willow  
26- Unwarranted  
27- Toothed wheels  
28- Become less intense, die off  
29- Stalks  
30- Quotes  
31- Triple  
32- Transmits  
35- Supplement, with "out"

- 38- Reside  
41- Unit of magnetic intensity  
43- Agitated state  
44- Juvenile  
46- Furrow  
48- Think  
51- Delighted  
52- Cloak  
53- Land in water  
54- Tailless rodent  
55- Building wings  
56- Tidy, without fault  
57- Not base  
58- Propend  
59- Nervously irritable  
61- Understand

### SOLUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK



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## CULT CLASSICS!

"he's that good"

We now return to,  
*The Adventures of Sexy Jesus*  
on our 28 days of X-mas  
marathon.



Oh my goodness, Jesus,  
that was the best I've  
ever had! I can see  
now!



That's what I do, baby.  
Aww yeah...

I wonder if  
I'm Jewish.

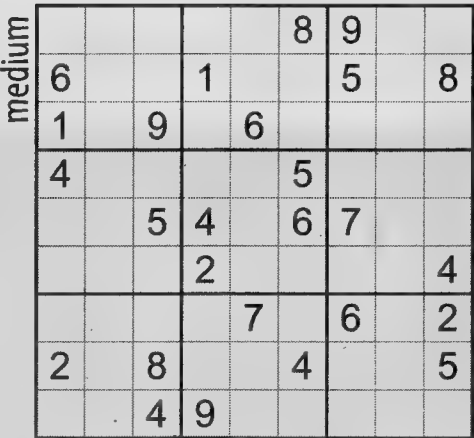
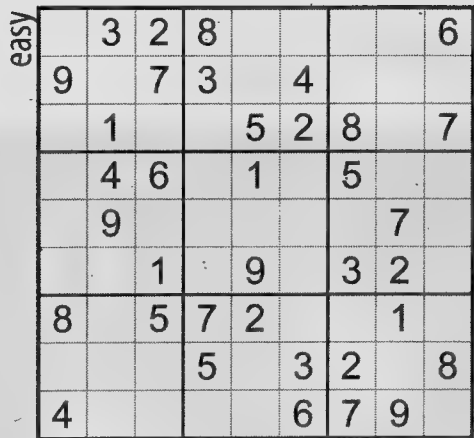
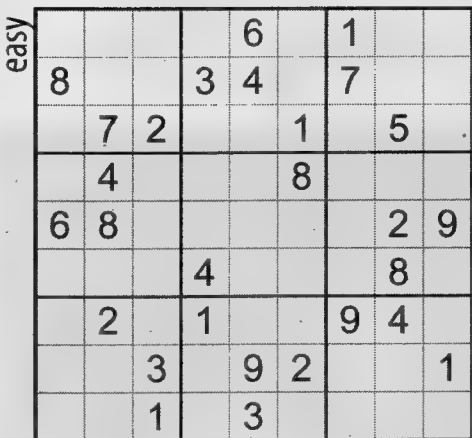
... so, maybe I'll call  
you next week?



Phil Zuckerman

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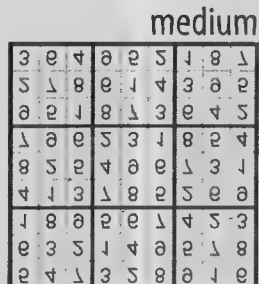
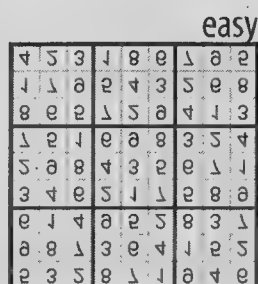
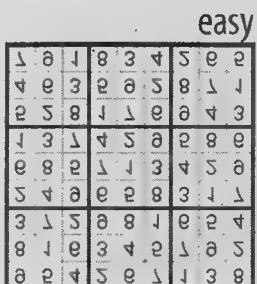
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## Good Week / Bad Week

### National sports in a nutshell

#### Good Week for Natural Selection

By Joanna Benjamin



Snowboard notable Travis Rice and Quicksilver premiered the first ever snowboard competition held on elements completely designed by mother nature.

Held at Dicks Ditch in Jackson Hole, Wyo. the event aims to determine the best rider on natural, backcountry terrain, rather than on man-made or manicured elements. The Quicksilver Natural Selection featured a week-long holding period to make sure riders had optimal conditions. The event was scored on creativity, originality and style of riders rather than the extremity or technicality of runs.

#### Good Week for Chris Webber

By Jason Bushey



Thirteen years after Chris Webber demanded a trade from Warriors' coach Don Nelson, the two are once again joining forces in hopes of bettering Golden State's chances in this year's NBA playoffs.

Webber was shipped to Washington at his own request after a stellar 1993-1994 season that earned him Rookie of the Year honors.

The lesson? Time heals all basketball-related wounds.

#### Bad Week for Terrell Owens

By Zach Parker



The former bad boy's past caught up with him this week when an arbitrator ruled that he owes the Eagles \$769,120 worth of signing bonus money due to his seven-game suspension from the team in 2005.

Luckily for Owens, current boss Jerry Jones said he will pay the receiver a \$3 million roster bonus which should help offset the costs.

#### Bad Week for the SA Spurs

By Jake Ahrens



While they are only four games back in the Western Conference, the Spurs are playing nothing like the defending champions they are.

After being beaten by Seattle - losers of 14 games in a row - they also lost starting point guard Tony Parker indefinitely with bone spurs in his ankle.

#### Bad Week for the N.J. Nets

By Lance Miller



It was affirmed this week that All-Star point guard Jason Kidd has asked the Nets to trade him before the Feb. 21 trading deadline.

Kidd led the Nets to two consecutive NBA Finals appearances in 2002 and 2003 and is in third place all-time with 98 triple doubles.

## Hard work finally pays off for Lady Cats in Hockey East

By JASON BUSHEY

Asst. Sports Editor



A team that head coach Tim Bothwell described as "snake-bitten," after a tough loss Jan. 25, finally earned some positive recognition last week.

After ending their 18-game winless streak against the Providence Friars, Hockey East took note of the women's hockey team's triumph.

Sophomore goalie Kristen Olychuck was named Hockey East Player of the Week. Olychuck was honored on the heels of a stellar weekend against Providence in which she saved 56 of 60 shots over the two-game stretch.

Olychuck has been the backbone of a young defense that is still finding their way. Though her stats place her mid-pack in the Hockey East goaltending leaders, her play has progressed consistently.

Olychuck was not the only player last week to receive an honor. Freshman Teddy

Fortin, who recorded three points in the Providence series to give her a team-high 11 points on the season, was recognized as one of four student-athletes of the week by UVM.

Fortin and fellow freshman Celeste Doucet were also placed on the Hockey East Weekly Honor Roll. The two played key roles in the win over Providence, Fortin assisting Doucet's game-winning goal in the final period.

All the good news is a welcoming shift for the Catamounts, who, despite

the long losing streak, were described by both Bothwell and Olychuck as "remaining positive" through the tough stretch.

The Cats (5-19-1, 1-10-1 Hockey East) tried to ride their newfound momentum to Boston College last weekend, but the Eagles (8-9-6, 4-6-2 Hockey East) topped Vermont in both games by a combined score of 8-0.

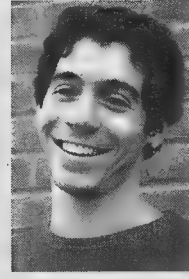
The Catamounts are now 0-3 against the Eagles this season.



## F A C E O F F

AUSTIN DANFORTH VS. DAKOTA RUBIN

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY



After dominating the field at the Buick Invitational over the weekend, Tiger Woods said to reporters, "I'm starting to get better."

Let's say I'm a golfer on the PGA Tour. How scared should I be?

**AD:** Well, you should be as scared as you've ever been since 1996, or at least as scared of swimming as you were after seeing "Jaws" for the first time. Because, that's what this is.

Tiger is Tiger, but if last week was any indication he is a tiger with a healthy appetite and no signs of lock-jaw.

Granted, he's always looked comfortable at Torrey Pines, but if you paid attention to golf since he turned pro, you know how dangerous he can be.

Maybe on your best week you can beat him, but if he's at his best and getting bounces, say goodnight, sweet-heart.

**DR:** Everyone needs to relax and take a step back.

So Tiger won the Buick and feels better. Big deal. He has won this tournament four years in a row now, so why should this year make the PGA feel any different?

Most look at the first tournament of the year as a warm-up and losing to Woods, even by eight strokes, is not going to cause the rest of the field to roll over or hand Tiger victories the rest of the year.

As good as Woods is, there are just too many good golfers and too many factors to make Tiger unbeatable.

THE SCORE  
2008 = YEAR OF THE  
TIGER...AGAIN.

AUSTIN 1  
DAKOTA 0

Jason Kidd has reportedly asked for a trade from the plummeting New Jersey Nets.

The Mavericks and Lakers, among others, are said to be interested in the 34-year-old point guard.

Which contender is the best fit for Kidd?

**AD:** Well, whom do we want to see get passes from Jason Kidd for the remainder of the season: Kobe Bryant or Dirk Nowitzki?

My vote is cast for Nowitzki.

He could fit with either team because each features a high-profile scorer and there are few better at distributing than Kidd.

The potential exists on the Mavs' roster to have an up-tempo offense predicated on the fast-break and a smaller, quicker lineup.

That's fun basketball, way more fun than Get-it-to-Kobe. Kobe doesn't deserve someone who can make him look better than he really is — he already had Shaq.

**DR:** Kidd's experience would be a great addition to any team looking to make a playoff push. The young Lakers would be the team that could most benefit from a veteran to run the floor.

But after trading for Pau Gasol this week, another blockbuster seems unlikely for L.A.

Portland now moves into the driver's seat in the Kidd sweepstakes. With an up-and-coming young core, the Trailblazers are nipping at the heels of a playoff birth in the West.

Kidd's skill and calming influence from the point could propel Portland to the playoffs.

THE SCORE  
THE KIDD WOULD KILL IT  
IN PORTLAND.

AUSTIN 1  
DAKOTA 1

Shaun White won the gold in the X Games SuperPipe final on Jan. 27. White landed a 1260 spin to vault him to a score of 96.6, one of the highest scores in X Games history.

Will White go down as the best snowboarder ever, or the most overrated?

**AD:** OK. I've snowboarded once. I think I fell 1260 times down the hill in the two or three runs that I took.

That said, I'm a keen observer and superstardom translates across sports. Self-deprecation aside, the 1260 is a huge step in the evolution of snowboarding.

I can barely spin around 3.5 times in my office chair without having to push off again.

So is he the best ever? Not yet, he's too young to really tell and there have been some great ones — Terje Haakenson, Ross Powers, et al. — who saw their prime in different eras, so to speak.

Shaun White might be the most hyped, but winning gold kind of takes over-rating out of the equation.

**DR:** How can he be overrated?

Maybe he is smug and full of himself but there is no denying that he is the best, and he is no longer just the best athlete at the winter X Games, he is also the best in the summer games as well.

When he landed the 1260 it was not only a reaffirmation that he is the master of the pipe, but just another reminder of why he is the poster boy for action sports.

The X Games are all about innovation and pushing sports forward and no one can do that like White. So love him or hate him, he is the best.

THE SCORE  
TIME TO BREAK OUT THAT  
BANDANA?

AUSTIN 2  
DAKOTA 1

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## Vermont claims silver, continues in EISA circuit

Senior Greg Hardy (1) races toward the finish of the men's Giant Slalom (GS). Hardy finished third overall with a time of 1:53.45, joining fellow Catamount Ethan Korpi on the podium. Korpi finished second in the GS with a total time of 1:53.42.



(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

### Results

1. MID 628.0
2. UVM 624.5
3. DAR 604.0
4. UNH 513.0
5. WIL 485.5
6. CBC 446.0
7. BAT 392.0
8. SLU 324.0
9. HAR 180.0
10. SMC 161.0
11. BOW 91.0

## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief



### The biggest beast in America East

At the end of last season, Marqus Blakely looked like a budding star.

If you missed it, his dunk — it's on YouTube, it's still incredible — in the America East championship game might have been the biggest possible exclamation point to the idea of his stardom.

His stats were not incredible but he provided an undeniable spark as the most exciting player on the floor and showed flashes of brilliance that weren't always predicated on his ups.

With Blakely, whatever was left unclear and unanswered at the end of last season should be cleared up and quite satisfactorily at that.

I can't put it any more accurately or bluntly than this: Marqus Blakely is a beast, a game-breaker and maybe the best player in America East.

It's a role he's been growing into all year — the new mohawk look only accentuates the situation.

Blakely manages to be nearly everywhere he needs to be, nearly every time. If he was less flashy, he might be the team's "glue" guy. However, he has shown that not being flashy isn't something he does well.

I know his teammate, junior Mike Trimboli, is also arguably the best player in the conference and has a more complete game, but right now my money is on Blakely.

While one or the other has been UVM's leading scorer in every game this season, Saturday's game sealed the deal for me.

Against an undermanned and smallish but still-feisty UMBC club, Blakely played like the biggest man on the court. He was a force.

The stat sheet had him for 26 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks, but I lost track — it was an impressive display.

On one defensive stand in the second half, Blakely rejected three consecutive shots, the last being chalked up as a foul on teammate Evan Fjeld. Blakely only received credit for four swats but I'm confident he altered many more than that.

On the offensive end, Blakely doesn't go out and snipe you to death — he was out of place with the ball at the end of the game, attempting a last-ditch 3-pointer — but his repertoire has grown significantly since last year.

Not only does he take it to the basket, he does so now with moves and a level of finesse he didn't show extensively last year.

And then there is the aerial display. Blakely outworked UMBC and has consistently outworked opponents for put-backs, dunks, blocks and rebounds. He is listed at 6'5" but leads his team's frontcourt as if he were more like 6'10".

It's a treat to watch.

Although the Cats' five-game winning streak was snapped Saturday by UMBC, there were a lot of positives to take away, Blakely most notably among them.

So long as he doesn't pull a Trapani and bolt for a bigger program (my fingers are crossed), the next two and a half years will be something special.

It appears Blakely is just beginning to show what he can do. It's something else.

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also quick to compliment his fourth line for their energy in the contest.

"It could've been 8-0 without [sophomore Jonathan] Higgins, [senior] Reese

[Wisnowski] and [freshman] Chris Atkinson," Sneddon said.

The Cats did have some good news on the day, though.

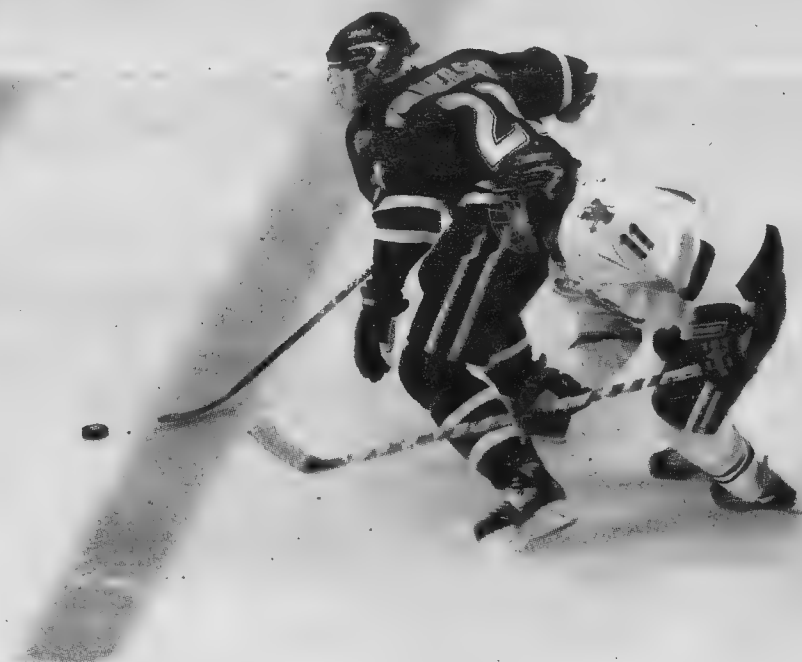
In Friday afternoon's press conference, it was announced that UVM would participate in the first ever Division-1 hockey game in Quebec City against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Oct. 11, 2008. The game is one of many events that will help Quebec celebrate its 400 anniversary.

It was also announced at the press conference that former Catamount Martin St. Louis, now of the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning, would be the honorary UVM captain at the game.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our student-athletes to participate in a unique competitive and cultural event," Vermont Director of Athletics Dr. Robert Corran said.

While the loss to UNH made the day bittersweet for the Catamounts, they remain optimistic as they look ahead to the end of the regular season and a possible postseason run.

"I think this game is just a speed bump," Sneddon said. "We can't mope and pout about it."



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

### Results

#### Men's Hockey

Friday, Feb. 1  
Loss vs. UNH  
UNH: 0-2-3 - 5  
UVM: 0-0-1 - 1

#### Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan. 30  
Win @ Hartford  
UVM: 32-49 - 81  
Hartford: 41-35 - 76

Saturday, Feb. 2  
Loss vs. UMBC  
UMBC: 31-44 - 75  
UVM: 35-38 - 73

#### Women's Hockey

Friday, Feb. 1  
Loss @ BC  
UVM: 0-0-0 - 0  
BC: 1-2-1 - 4  
Saturday, Feb. 2  
Loss @ BC  
UVM: 0-0-0 - 0

BC: 0-3-1 - 4

#### Women's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 2  
Loss @ BU  
UVM: 30-43 - 73  
BU: 43-40 - 83

#### Skiing

Friday/Saturday  
Vermont Carnival  
Middlebury 628.0  
UVM 624.5  
Dartmouth 604.0  
UNH 513.0  
Williams 485.5  
Colby 446.0  
Bates 392.0  
St. Lawrence 324.0  
Harvard 180.0  
St. Michael's 161.0  
Bowdoin 91.0

#### Conference Standings

Hockey East Men's Hockey  
New Hampshire - (12-4-1)

Overall - (16-7-1)  
Boston College - (8-4-6)  
Overall - (12-6-7)  
Providence - (8-5-3)  
Overall - (12-9-3)  
Northeastern - (9-7-2)  
Overall - (12-8-3)  
UMass Lowell - (7-6-4)  
Overall - (12-8-4)  
Boston University - (7-8-3)  
Overall - (8-13-4)  
Vermont - (5-6-5)  
Overall - (6-10-7)  
Massachusetts - (5-8-5)  
Overall - (10-9-6)  
Maine - (4-10-3)  
Overall - (8-13-3)  
Merrimack - (4-12-2)  
Overall - (10-12-3)

#### America East Men's Basketball

UMBC (7-2)  
Overall - (15-7)  
Vermont - (6-3)  
Overall - (11-10)  
Binghamton - (6-3)  
Overall - (10-11)

Hartford - (5-4)  
Overall - (11-13)  
Albany - (5-4)  
Overall - (10-11)  
New Hampshire - (4-5)  
Overall - (7-14)  
Boston University - (4-5)  
Overall - (7-14)  
Maine - (2-6)  
Overall - (6-15)  
Stony Brook - (1-8)  
Overall - (4-17)

#### Hockey East Women's Hockey

New Hampshire - (12-0-1)  
Overall - (22-3-1)  
Connecticut - (8-2-3)  
Overall - (17-4-6)  
Providence - (7-4-2)  
Overall - (12-11-3)  
Boston College - (6-6-2)  
Overall - (10-9-6)  
Boston University - (6-6-1)  
Overall - (9-12-3)  
Northeastern - (4-8-1)  
Overall - (5-16-3)

Maine - (1-8-3)  
Overall - (2-20-3)  
Vermont - (1-11-1)  
Overall - (5-20-1)

#### America East Women's Basketball

Hartford - (6-1)  
Overall - (16-4)  
Vermont - (5-2)  
Overall - (14-6)  
Boston University - (5-2)  
Overall - (12-8)  
Binghamton - (4-3)  
Overall - (6-14)  
Albany - (4-3)  
Overall - (6-14)  
Maine - (3-5)  
Overall - (6-15)  
UMBC - (2-5)  
Overall - (6-14)  
New Hampshire - (2-5)  
Overall - (5-14)  
Stony Brook - (1-6)  
Overall - (6-14)





## This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 5 – Monday, Feb. 11

### TUESDAY, FEB. 5

#### Women's Basketball

@ Binghamton  
Vestel, N.Y. 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

#### Men's Basketball

@ Binghamton  
Vestel, N.Y. 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 8

#### Men's Hockey

@ Providence  
Providence, R.I. 8 p.m.

#### Women's Hockey

vs. BU  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

#### Skiing

@ Dartmouth Carnival  
Hanover, N.H., 9 a.m.

#### Track and Field

### SATURDAY, FEB. 9

#### Men's Hockey

@ Providence  
Providence, R.I. 7 p.m.

#### Women's Hockey

vs. BU  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 4 p.m.

#### Skiing

@ Dartmouth Carnival  
Hanover, N.H. 9 a.m.

#### Track and Field

@ TBA  
TBA

### SUNDAY, FEB. 10

#### Women's Basketball

vs. Stony Brook  
Patrick Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

# Cats caught looking other way



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore goalie Mike Spillane (31) is left frozen and sophomores Brayden Irwin (5) and Colin Vock (10) watch the puck fall into the goal. Irwin scored UVM's lone goal mid-way through the second period.

## #7 UNH topped UVM 5-1, ending a four-game unbeaten streak

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

The UNH Wildcats proved to UVM on Friday night that all good things must come to an end.

Following a four game streak in which UVM notched two ties and two wins against ranked foes Northeastern and Massacusetts, the Catamounts were brought back down to

earth with a 5-1 loss in front of a sold out Gutterson Fieldhouse.

The game started off well for the Catamounts, with a scoreless first period.

Nearly six minutes into the second period of play, however, the seventh-ranked Wildcats drew first blood with a goal by sophomore right wing Bobby Butler, assisted by freshman James vanRiemsdyk and junior Jerry Pollastrone.

"We made a costly freshman mistake on the first goal and gave New Hampshire a 2-on-1 opportunity," head coach Kevin Sneddon said.

UNH widened the gap with just over a minute remaining in the period on a power-play goal from senior captain Matt Fornataro.

UVM seemed to lose all of the wind in their sails in the third period, as UNH scored three more goals.

The Catamounts let their frustration show after the fourth UNH goal, when sophomore defenseman Patrick Cullity delivered a blow to a UNH player after the play.

The hit caused a small scrum behind the net, and Cullity was nailed with a two-minute penalty and a 10-minute

game misconduct.

While Sneddon was certainly not pleased with the loss, he remained optimistic.

"It's a shame, we played a great two periods, and we held a very strong offensive team to very few opportunities early," Sneddon said.

Sneddon continued his goalie rotation, which has been present over the past couple months, choosing to start sophomore Mike Spillane in favor of senior Joe Fallon.

Sneddon was satisfied with his goalie's play, and he was

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## CATAMOUNTS GAMEDAY

### VERMONT CATAMOUNTS vs. BINGHAMTON BEARGATS

Wednesday: 7 p.m. | Vestal, | N.Y. Binghamton Events Center | Radio: WCPV FM 102.1 (CHAMP)

## Retrievers end men's basketball's winning streak in two-point affair

By KAT WILLIAMS

Senior Staff Writer

It was an all out battle at Patrick Gym on Saturday when the UVM men's basketball took on UMBC, dropping the decision by two.

Despite powerful play on both sides, UMBC came out on top, defeating the Cats 75-73.

Sophomore Marqus Blakey was Vermont's high scorer with 26 points. He also pulled down 14 rebounds for his fourth double double of the season.

Three other Catamounts finished with double digits as junior Mike Trimboli had 15, senior Tim McCrory scored 12, and senior Kyle Cieplicki added 11.

UMBC's Jay Greene led the Retrievers with 26 points, followed by Ray Barbosa with 21, 18 of which were in the second half.

Barbosa was key in leading UMBC to their last min-

ute victory, making three foul shots to put the Retrievers up by two with 1:24 left in the game.

With 15 seconds left, Barbosa was fouled again and made his two shots, increasing UMBC's lead to 75-71.

Blakely made a layup for Vermont, cutting the Retrievers lead back to two with about nine seconds left.

UMBC's Cavell Johnson was fouled the next trip down the floor, putting him on the line to shoot two. Johnson missed both shots, giving UVM a chance to win or push the game into overtime.

With no time outs left, Blakely took the ball up the floor. With no one open, he too a 3-point shot with about two

seconds left, but missed just as the buzzer sounded.

"We didn't guard the three-point line well through out the game," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "They did a good job not letting us get the ball into Mike's [Trimboli] hands."

The loss to UMBC ends the Cat's five-game winning streak.

"Right now, we're not the best team in the league," Lonergan said. "But that's our goal."

The Cat's travel to Binghamton on Wednesday in hopes of improving their league record to 7-3.

### Just the Facts

**Head Coach:** Mike Lonergan

**Letterwinners**

**Returning/Lost:** 9/5

**Captains:** Kyle Cieplicki, Mike Trimboli

**Last Year's Record:** 25-8 (15-1 America East)

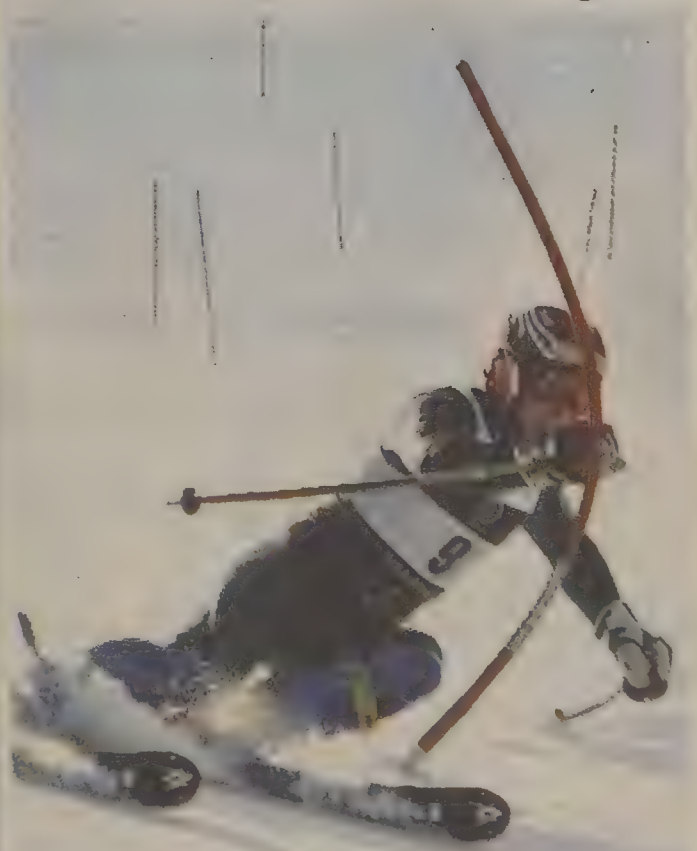
**All-time Record:** 987-999 (93 seasons)

**NCAA Appearances:** 2003, 2004, 2005

**America East Championships:** 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005

## Skiing secures second place at home carnival

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(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

Senior Ethan Korpi (9) has a strong performance in the men's slalom Friday, the first day of the Vermont carnival. Korpi was one of three Catamounts to finish in the top five in the event.



## UVM class co-hosts Winterfest



### CDAE event planning class helps Burlington host 15-year-old tradition, raise money for Special Olympics

By LIZZY MAZER

Cynic Correspondent

From football players plunging into frigid Lake Champlain to chainsaw-wielding Vermonters carving ice on Church St., Burlington's WinterFest provided several options for winter entertainment.

And a UVM class was behind it all.

The Event Planning class of UVM's Community Development and Applied Economics Department (CDAE) partnered with Vermont Special Olympics, Kids Vermont Camp and School Fair, Burlington Parks and Recreation and the ECHO Center to host Burlington WinterFest.

Event Planning is a four-day class held over winter break from Jan. 2-6. The class is led by Lynn Gregory, Associate Professor of Public Communication. Twenty four students enrolled in the course this year.

Winter Festival is a 15-year tradition in Burlington and uses community support to fundraise and make the event possible, CDAE's Parks and Recreation community partner Nancy Bove, said.

This was the second year that CDAE's event planning course has organized Burlington's Winter Festival.

"Parks and Recreation stopped getting funding by Burlington for the event so we had the idea to take on the activity ourselves as part of a class," Gregory said.

"It is an event based on donations. We went door to door asking local businesses if they would be willing to help. A lot of the businesses went above and beyond our hopes and expectations," Emily Gross, a UVM senior and participant in the Event Planning course, said.

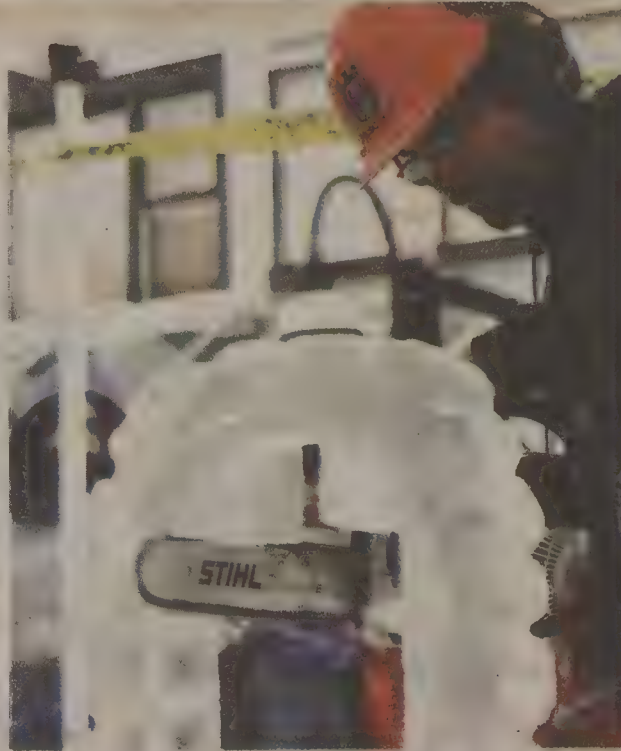
Chittenden bank was the event's presenting sponsor and donated a total of \$5,000.

The event hosted a snow carving competition and "ice walk" on Church Street. Local artists created sculptures out of ice in front of Church Street businesses.

Sculptures are illuminated for night viewing and community members can vote online for their favorite one.

The Event Planning students picked the judges for the contest. "We tried to choose people who had skill so they could give an objective opinion on the sculptures," Gross said.

Rachel Fogel, UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel's wife, was one of the judges. "We also wanted people that would be rec-



(Photos by Andre Malebra/Vermont Cynic)

Top: Participants in the Penguin Plunge waded out of the icy waters of Lake Champlain on Saturday. Teams raised money for the Special Olympics.

Above: John Brown, an ice carver, shapes ice on Church Street as part of Winterfest on Saturday. The sculptures were lit up by colored lights and spread out along the pedestrian street.

For more on winter wonderland check out winters dos and don'ts on B10

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## \$800 meal plan hike postponed

By MEGAN BRANCCACIO

Senior Staff Writer

The days of running out of meal blocks and rushing to add more points to meals plans may soon be history at UVM, but not just yet.

Annie Stevens, the Vice President of Campus and Student Life began talking with members of the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Inter Residence Association (IRA) this past semester to create a proposal for a more accommodating meal plan, Senator of the Student Action Committee, Lauren Abda, said.

"The plan worked quite well in the past, but things are very different today. Students' demands have changed," she said.

The meal plan at the University is 15 years old, Stevens said.

About four years ago, Rick Riani, the district manager for dining services, came to her to discuss the problems of the current meal plan, Stevens said.

- \$472,963 was added to students' points last year
- 16 percent of retail points are spent at residential dining facilities
- Proposed plan would increase cost of meal plan by 30%, on average \$800 per student

"[We discussed] the issues students have been having with the current meal plan," Abda said, "[for example] running out of points early in the semester, [and] not updating the meal plan to account for the institution of such places like the Davis Center."

Stevens, along with a meal plan task force, introduced the proposed revisions to the current plan to SGA last Tuesday.

However, the proposal was not passed. "The vote was 12 yays and 22 nays," Speaker of the Senate, Mike Glynne, said.

The proposal was rejected in part because of the increased costs that students would have to pay next year, Senator of the Student Action Committee, Josh Mangiagli, said.

Each student would be paying an average of \$800, or 30 percent more, depending on the plan he or she now has, Stevens said.

Although this may seem like a substantial increase, "...the cost paid at the beginning of the semester now is not reflective to the true cost to

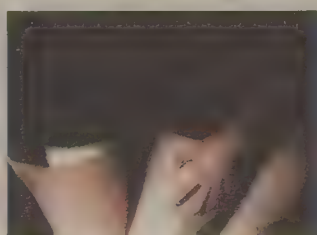
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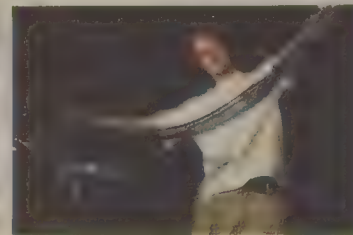
Lady Cats drop weekend series to BU

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Let's talk about sex, baby! UVM students confront myths, misconceptions and the horrors of HIV

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In the studio with Ethan Bond-Watts, a UVM student and talented glassblower

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# SGA helps lower Summer U tuition

By BEN CONARCK

Cynic Correspondent

The cost of summer tuition has been lowered by 15 percent in an effort to encourage student enrollment, Continuing Education Dean Carol Vallett said.

The University, as an institution, wants to focus more on summer classes, known at the University of Vermont as SummerU, Vallett said.

"The University has a priority on both student retention and graduation rates so obviously more courses and more vibrant summers help that," Vallett said.

UVM sophomore Katherine Cable, who recently switched her major from Education to English, says she plans to take

advantage of the lowered tuition.

"Seeing how I just changed my major, it's pretty radical that the rates have dropped," Cable said.

**"Credits taken during the summer at UVM used to cost significantly less than credits taken during the school year to make SummerU more attractive"**

**-Kesha Ram  
SGA President**

The benefits of taking summer classes are numerous, Vallett said.

"The great benefit is that summer classes are a lot smaller for the most part, so you can have a time when you get more faculty attention.

"And for most students, because classes are shorter, (they're only five weeks), they are only taking one or at the most two classes at a time so they can devote their attention to that one class," Vallett said.

The Student Government Association was also involved in the process of lowering tuition rates, said SGA President Kesha Ram.

"Senator Ben Porter and I met with members of Continuing Education early on in the school year.

They wanted our feedback on what would entice students to participate in SummerU.

Although we spent some time discussing which courses would be most desirable and what special programs might appeal to the average UVM student, we steered the conversation toward affordability because it has been, and always will be, a clear barrier for many students," Ram said.

Chris Reckendwald, a junior at UVM, said the drop in tuition rates might entice him to take more classes at SummerU, even though he will be simultaneously working a summer job.

"I was already planning on taking summer classes, but now that they're cheaper I might take more than I origi-

nally thought," said Reckendwald.

"We learned that credits taken during the summer at UVM used to cost significantly less than credits taken during the school year to make SummerU more attractive.

"Sometime in the recent past, a decision was made at the administrative level to put the cost of summer tuition on par with the cost of tuition during the regular school year, something that not everyone in Continuing Education agreed with..." Ram said.

"I am proud that our SGA, in partnership with Continuing Education, was able to do its part to keep the issue alive and well, and keep a little bit more money in students' pockets," Ram said.

## No changes on the horizon for downtown lighting

**SGA attempted to change downtown lighting to make it comparable to UVM's campus lighting at last week's City Council meeting, however no resolution was made**

By COLIN CONSTANTINE

Cynic Correspondent

SGA's Committee on Legislative Action (COLA) met with

the Burlington City Council last Monday to improve street lighting for UVM students and Burlington residents.

"The Kiss Administrations and other city departments, for our sake, must understand that this is a safety issue," UVM Student and COLA Chairman Scott McCarty said. "Students do not feel safe walking to their cars at night."

Mayor Bob Kiss and the City Council chose not to vote on any action until the correct department was chosen to deal with the issue.

"We are already address-

ing outdoor lighting issues," Mayor Kiss said, "I think this is a helpful approach to identify areas [that] could be potentially problematic."

"UVM does a great job lighting its streets and passages. Why can't the City follow suit," McCarty said.

While several City Council members openly discussed possibilities to improve street lighting in residential areas, the issue became centered on who will actually deal with the problem.

"There is no need for a vote now," City Council President

**"UVM does a great job lighting its streets and passages. Why can't the City follow suit?"**

**-Scott McCarty  
COLA Chariman**

Kurt Wright said to close the meeting.

For COLA, this is just the

beginning. "We will not relent and we will continue to press these folks for some kind of preventative action," McCarty said. COLA is simply looking for "an opportunity...to have this obvious wrong corrected."

"[The meeting] was very illuminating," Joe Speidel, UVM Vice President of State, Federal and Community Relations said after the meeting.

The City Council will meet in the future to discuss this issue, but for now, the street lighting in residential Burlington will remain the same.

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## MEAL PLAN

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dine at the University," Mangliagli said.

Jay Taylor, Chair of the Student Action Committee, agrees. "It seems like it's just an increase in what students are paying but really it's more than that."

"It's not like students will be paying more for the same thing, students will get a lot more out of their meal plan," he said.

Halfway through the semester, students run out of points and do one of three things, Abda said.

"1) They add more points to their meal plan, 2) they pay cash out of their pocket for food on campus or 3) they pay cash for food in grocery stores and are forced to make all of their meals themselves," she said.

A total of \$472,963 was added to all-point plans last year, Stevens said. "Students spent over 16 percent of their retail points at Residential Dining locations."

To prevent this, the new meal plan proposed giving all students unlimited dining in all facilities; the only difference between the premium, average and basic plans would be the number of points attached, Stevens said.

The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) felt that there needed to be adjustments made to the proposal, Chair of CODEEE, Jesse Bragg, said.

"I think it unreasonable to impose such a huge increase on students all at once. Furthermore, I fear that the students who are paying for this will never reap the benefits," he said.

CODEEE provided recommendations to the Senate, stating what they felt needed to change in the meal plan proposal, Bragg said.

**"There is a lack of clarity about what students will be paying for and how they stand to benefit with that price increase"**

**-Kesha Ram  
SGA President**

Some of their recommendations, according to the "Meal Plan Change Proposal Recommendations" CODEEE designed include, a detailed and informative explanation for students and families on where the added funds will be going and a guarantee and timeline to expansion initiatives such as cage-free eggs, organic goods and kosher foods.

Because of the rejection of the proposal by the Senate, "members of the Student Action Committee are going to continue to work with this legislation in the upcoming months," Abda said.

Although Stevens and the task force brought the proposal before the SGA, the Senate does not determine whether or

not the new meal plan will be implemented, President of the SGA, Kesha Ram, said.

"The Board of Trustees makes the final decisions on financial matters such as these," she said, "but they want to know students' opinions as they will ultimately be paying for it."

"SGA approval gives some indication of how students perceive such an increase," Ram said.

"I think the new plan would be ripping kids off," freshman Jackie Bartko said. "I don't understand why you couldn't just add points to the Carte Blanche instead of changing the whole system."

"I don't think it's fair that students like me, who don't even use all of the points I'm forced to buy, pay more money so other students can eat even more food," freshman Carmen Solari said.

Another student who lives in Slade Hall has a different view of the meal plan completely.

"I'm not even on a meal plan. Slade is an example that buying local and organic isn't expensive, and we have plenty of food to eat," sophomore Greg Soll said.

Then, there are those who do not view the new plan as all-bad.

"I think the task force has good intentions," junior Kate Turcotte said, "but I'd like to see more student involvement."

It is possible that the meal plan restructuring will not be addressed in the Board of Trustees meeting in Febru-



(Photos by Andre Malebra/Vermont Cynic)

Ross Grimshaw eating lunch in the Atrium. SGA voted "no" on making any changes to the meal plan for this coming year.

ary, and will instead be postponed until next year because of feedback received thus far, Ram said.

"There is a lack of clarity about what students will be paying for and how they stand to benefit with that price increase," Ram said.

"Ultimately, student ap-

prehension is driving forces in the decision of whether or not to include the meal plan in the meeting's agenda."

Members of the Senior Administration decided if the proposed restructuring would make it on the trustees' agenda, which was finalized on Monday, Ram said.

## WINTERFEST

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ognized in the community," Gross said.

Other winter festival activities included a snow garden in city hall park for kids to play and make snowmen, face painting and henna tattooing, an exposition at the Echo center and raffle prizes, Gross said.

"When I first got into the class I didn't know what to expect. Having to accomplish the event and watching it happen and being so successful it really is one of the best feelings I've ever had coming out of a

"It is an event based on donations. We went door to door asking local businesses if they would be willing to help. A lot of the businesses went above and beyond our hopes and expectations"

**-Emily Gross  
UVM Senior**

class at UVM," Gross said.

"It's a huge sense of accomplishment for all of us."

The event was also a fundraiser for CDAE graduate Courtney Blasius Courtney graduated from UVM in the spring of 2007.

Courtney went into cardiac arrest on Sept. 12 and is currently in rehab.

"Support for Courtney" is a fundraiser set up to help pay for her current medical bills because she didn't have insurance at the time of her accident.

At the time of publication the total amount raised had not been counted.

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# News Summary

## NATIONAL

### MSNBC reporter suspended for Clinton comment

David Shuster, the reporter who made a comment suggesting that the Clinton family had "pimped out" their daughter Chelsea, has been temporarily suspended from all NBC news broadcasts.

### Huckabee takes Kansas

With his decisive victory in Kansas, Huckabee vows to stay in the race until the end. Tuesday will bring contests in Virginia and Maryland.

### Yahoo to reject Microsoft bid

Yahoo's board plans to reject the \$44.6 billion hostile bid, citing their belief that the offer undervalues Yahoo. Microsoft is expected to mount a more aggressive behind-the-scenes campaign for Yahoo.

### Scotland Yard completes

### Benazir Bhutto assassination investigation

Bhutto's killing may remain a mystery despite the Scotland Yard probe which found little more than the tenable cause of death.

### Defense Secretary warns Europe of terrorist attack

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates warned Europe that their safety is intricately tied to the stabilization of Afghanistan. The warning was part of a speech in Munich appealing to European citizens.

### Chavez accuses U.S. of selling cocaine and arms to Venezuela's poor

Chavez made the claim on his weekly TV and radio show that cited no evidence. Chavez claims that the U.S. is selling the cocaine "for less than market price."

### T.S.A. starts blog

The Transportation and Security Administration has set up a blog titled Evolution of Security. The blog offers travelers a chance to vent their feelings concerning the administration's policies and practices.

### Hollywood writers' strike continues

Writers on the writers' strike have come to a three-month long tentative agreement. A vote must be held until formal ratification. The strike will continue until the vote occurs.

### Clinton's campaign manager steps down

Patti Solis Doyle, Hillary Clinton's campaign manager, has stepped down. She will be replaced by Maggie Williams. Doyle will become Clinton's senior adviser and travel with her occasionally.

### Southern storm kills 48

A storm hit four states killing 48 people and injured hundreds more on Tuesday. The storm was a mix of tornados, thunderstorms, and hail that swept across the south. President Bush said, "I do want the people in those states to know the American people are standing with them."

### Romney suspends bid for presidency

The former Massachusetts governor suspended his bid for presidency on Friday. He has not endorsed any other candidate.

### Student kills two and self at Louisiana college

On Friday, Feb. 8, a nursing student at a technical college opened fire in a classroom, killing two women and herself.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Kenya leader moves toward power shift

Kenya's rival parties have been meeting for over a week with former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan mediating. Both sides reportedly gave ground in these meetings and power-sharing is beginning to look like an option.

### Iraqi car bomb kills 23

A car bomb in Baghdad killed 23 on Sunday at a police checkpoint. Nearly 40 were injured.

### Bus bomb kills at least 18 in Sri Lanka

In the latest in a series of bomb attacks blamed on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), a bomb exploded on a bus in the central Sri Lankan town of Dambulla. According to the military, the explosion killed at least 18 people and wounded 50.

### Rwanda launches stock exchange

Rwanda's central bank opened a securities exchange in Kigali the capital city. President Paul Kagame described the opening as a milestone for the nation.

### East Timor president shot

East Timor president Jose Ramos Horta was shot in the stomach early Monday morning by a rebel soldier. Horta is a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

### Australian PM apologizes

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd formally apologized for the mistreatment of Aborigines in Australia during the 1700s.

### British woman arrested for hoax

A 23-year-old British woman was arrested following a bomb hoax on Safe Skinned Scandinavian oil platform in the North Sea. The woman worked on the rig.

### Iraq raises new flag

Three years after the Baath Party was removed from power, Iraq raises a modified flag.

### Suicide attack in Pakistan kills 27

Twenty seven people were killed on Saturday during a suicide attack in the town of Charsadda.

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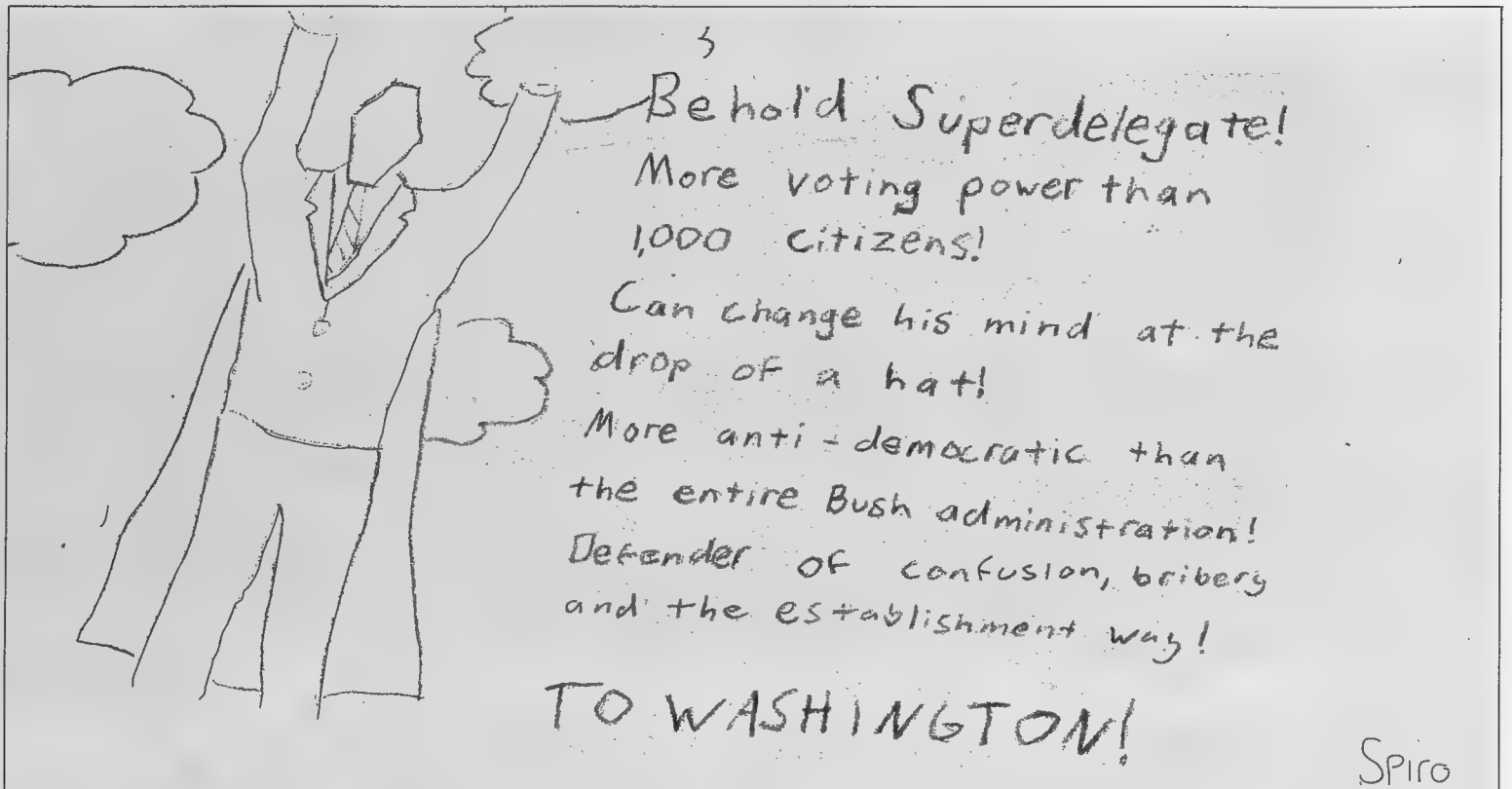
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## With meal plans, SGA is right on

Listen to grumbling student stomachs

Student discontent with the Dining Services and the meal plan is by no means an unfamiliar sentiment on UVM's campus. The quality, cost and variety of food are issues that have been raised everywhere from casual conversation to the floors of SGA Senate.

The recent proposal to increase the meal plan costs by approximately 30 percent or an average of \$800 comes as the newest shock to many students.

Luckily, however, this proposed price hike was rejected with a majority vote in the SGA Senate, an decision obviously made with both the student body's wallets and well being in mind.

Students need to eat. They should not have to worry about affording to do so.

Furthermore, although the service at most University eating establish-

ments is exceptional, the quality of the food and the relatively high cost has not provided Sodexo and the University with substantial weight in the argument for students to pay them even more money.

The SGA, although sometimes inaccurate in representing the student body's desires despite best intentions, has certainly heard the voice of the people in this particular instance. Students are already struggling to justify the current economics that come with eating on campus, but with no other choice they buy into the meal plan system.

The Meal Plan Task Force that has been created in these manners should re-examine their approach to meal plan restructuring and focus on bringing the quality of dining on campus to a level that is suitable and, if it is still deemed necessary, merits a price increase in the meal plans.

We applaud SGA for taking the concerns of the student body into consideration when deliberating and ultimately rejecting this particular issue. We encourage them to work further with the proper organizational bodies to improve the quality of dining on campus and to work on a compromise that is both reasonable and completely justifiable in whatever cost it ultimately incurs.

We further encourage the Board of Trustees to closely consider the outcome of the SGA's vote on this particular matter when they make the final financial decision regarding meal plans on campus.

The people have spoken and the SGA rewarded them with a decision that is just, and, more importantly, justifiable. Students deserve to eat in a healthy, varied and affordable matter.

Until this is reached, any significant price increases should not stand in the realm of conceivability.

## Journalism in danger

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This scares us.

While Gannett's acquisitions may not necessarily prove detrimental to individual papers, such moves nevertheless invite the opportunity for what should be free and independent sources of news to become exploited and consolidated by profit-driven corporations.

And there are other problems facing us. Most recently — this past January — we learned that the Student Government Association (SGA) at Montclair State University in New Jersey froze the account of the student newspaper, The Montclarion, effectively prohibiting their publication in print.

The reason? The Montclarion had asked for and been granted money for private legal counsel by its SGA — the paper, as a direct subdivision, wanted non-SGA legal representation for their actions, all in the pursuit of media freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights.

The publication was seeking advice on how to gain access to SGA meetings under public meeting laws

in New Jersey.

The Montclair SGA president and treasurer moved to freeze the account because the leaders of the paper would not cede their correspondence with their attorney — the Montclair SGA requires that all organizations' records must be open to them at all times — under the principle of attorney-client privilege.

The struggle at Montclair has implications that reach far beyond the borders of the New Jersey campus. It's an issue of independence and of freedom of the press and, as we have hinted at here, the foundations of an independent press, and therefore the foundations of our democracy are in danger.

We support The Montclarion's pursuit of independence. We consider it vital to a healthy society, and hope that you do too.

We ask that students all across the nation, and the numerous papers representing their institutions join us in solidarity and support of The Montclarion and any other papers that may feel threatened by similar circumstances.



## United academics

Tour groups on campus always remind me of my first campus tour and of why I decided to come to the University of Vermont.



**Julia Gabriel Michel**

Actually, that's a big fat lie. Tour groups usually make me want to strip naked and do the chicken dance while yelling about drugs, alcohol, big classes, sex, small dorm rooms and crappy food—all parent nightmares of college. Most of the time, I'm able to suppress the urge.

But in all seriousness,

campus tours for prospective students emphasize certain characteristics. For me, it was the typical we've-all-heard-it UVM tagline that got me on the plane: "We're a premier research institution small enough to guarantee intimate classes with outstanding professors."

Unfortunately, this is changing.

Administrators continue to build the student body and hike both in-state and out-of-state tuition prices—31 percent for in-staters and 27 percent for out-of-staters—but the slice of the pie delegated to unionized faculty salaries have dropped 12 percent.

All the while, the University hasn't seen any increases in

the number of tenure and tenure-track faculty—those professors who make long-term commitments in mentoring and significant research.

For example, the Environmental Studies department—one of UVM's outstanding major programs—has only six long-term, full-time professors for roughly 350 undergraduate majors.

Also, the nursing program—one of the nation's best—had an explosion of applicants, doubling their undergraduate and tripling their graduate populations over a very short period of time. This past year alone, an extra ten to 20 nursing students were forced into already capped classes. All the while, the school lost full-

time tenure and tenure-track professors.

The bubble will eventually burst.

But it doesn't have to—administrators just need to reallocate funds back to where they belong, back to the faculty.

It's sad that oftentimes when money's tight, as it always is in a public university budget, we get so wrapped up in the dollar sign and decimal points to remember that the human faces of the issue aren't those on the bills.

This is a respect issue. It seems like administrators expect both faculty and students to just look the other way while they neglect to fill necessary full-time professor positions

and force remaining, already overworked professors to take on more and more students.

I didn't mean to come to a school that exploits its main asset.

There's no doubt that University administrators should shift their priorities to highlight faculty needs. After all, without competitive salaries, decent benefits and manageable work hours, the reason for the tour guide boastings might choose to move to UNH or UMass.

We look to our professors to inspire, challenge and encourage us. And that just doesn't happen in a class of 350 students with an underpaid and overworked lecturer.

## A failing grading system

Does anyone else feel that right around exam time every semester there is a lot less teaching and a lot more grading going on?



**Tom Mertz**

Grading is unfortunately going to be an ongoing infection on campus as long as humans remain competitive with one another. Grade seeking is the ultimate from of competition on a college campus and like it or not we are all in competition with each other.

Unfortunately it's about as unfair as life itself.

Take the following example: We have a class of 100 students in a very objective subject like calculus.

Grades are based on two tests during the semester and a final exam. In a normal class it wouldn't be unreasonable to suspect that the highest average (for all three tests) to be an 85.

Standard curve rules apply and the 85s at the top (and those students right around there) receive As and the rest follow accordingly with Bs, Cs, Ds and Fs.

Now say there happens to be one braniac who gets 299 out of a possible 300 points on the three tests. Her/his average is a 99.67.

She/he gets an A+ although

it doesn't really matter because an A and an A+ both equal 4.0 in the GPA spectrum. Go figure that striving for an A+ doesn't really make a difference.

A grading curve wouldn't apply here because it isn't possible to curve when a student is this close to 100. The most you can curve the grade is .33 percent. That isn't very much.

The students in the class are going to whine and maybe we should feel a little bit bad for them or maybe we shouldn't.

The reason we should feel bad is because maybe in another section of the same exact class right across the hall there happens not to be a braniac who throws off the curve

of an entire class.

Maybe that class is exactly the same except for the one prodigy and an 85 becomes an A.

Is that fair? It was the same class, it looks exactly the same on a transcript and will be treated as such whenever that transcript is needed. It just so happens one section of students got lucky and the other didn't.

Furthermore, this compounds when you throw in the fact that classes are taught over and over again, semester after semester.

What curves to an A one semester could be something completely different another semester even if it's the same class, section and professor.

So, grades may not be comparable between years, especially with different teachers teaching different sections, grading in non-mandated ways.

What should we do? We should try to make grading more fair.

The best suggestion I've heard so far would be to mandate a system on curving for each department that includes teachers, administrators, students and an outside research group.

The system isn't consistent, and that's troubling. Your only hope is that you're not in the class with the braniac, but then again maybe that's you.

Either way I wish you luck.

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Respectfully,  
Stacy S. Skelly

Assistant Director for  
Higher Education Association of American Publishers

### Sensible reform

Recently several Vermont law enforcement officials have claimed that marijuana arrests in Vermont are a nonexistent issue.

However, according to the Department of Public Safety's "The New Vermont Crime Report: Vermont Crime On-Line", marijuana arrests were 1,758 of the total 2,765 drug arrests in our state in 2006 (66 percent of all drug arrests), up 14.6 percent from 2005.

Marijuana arrests made up two-thirds of the fourth most-reported crime in the state, and the fourth highest arrest rate as percentage of the population.

Additionally, Windsor County State's Attorney Robert Sand told this committee that each arrest takes an officer off the street for two hours.

This means that Vermont police officers spent more than 3,000 hours on marijuana arrests in 2006.

That seems like an awful waste of police resources. "Non-existent"? For young teens held overnight in local jails facing the very real threat of sexual assault, the problem isn't "non-existent." For those losing student loans or subsidized housing due to having a criminal record, it isn't "non-existent."

For those paying court and attorney costs and being diverted into forced treatment, it isn't "non-existent."

Thank goodness for public servants like state's attorney Robert Sand and Sen. Jeanette White who reject the empty

tough-on-crime rhetoric that often drives marijuana policy and instead demand basic, common-sense reforms.

Once you get past the hysteria, misinformation and political posturing of opponents, it's hard to imagine why anybody would object to White's proposal—which is currently being debated in the Senate Judiciary Committee—to replace criminal penalties for small time marijuana offenses with a simple fine.

Decriminalizing marijuana will allow police and prosecutors to focus on more important crimes, save taxpayer dollars and ensure minor marijuana offenders aren't saddled with a criminal record for the rest of their lives for one dumb mistake. Eleven states, including New York and Maine, already have similar laws on the books—none report higher marijuana use rates than states that treat marijuana offenders similar to shoplifters, muggers and drunk drivers.

We've wasted too much time and money going after small time marijuana offenders and ruined too many lives in the process.

It's time to bring some sanity to our marijuana laws and make sure the punishment is proportional to the crime.

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Respectfully,  
Ami Wennar Class of 1997

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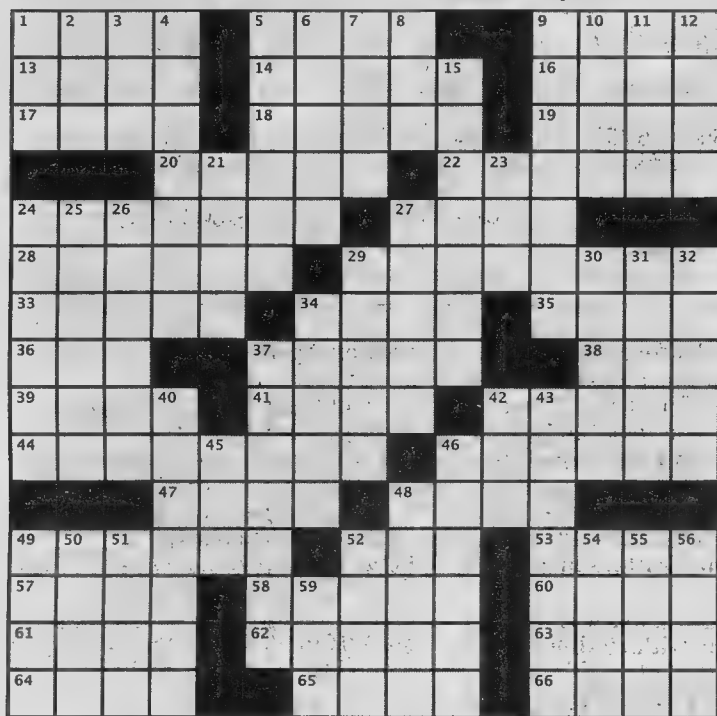
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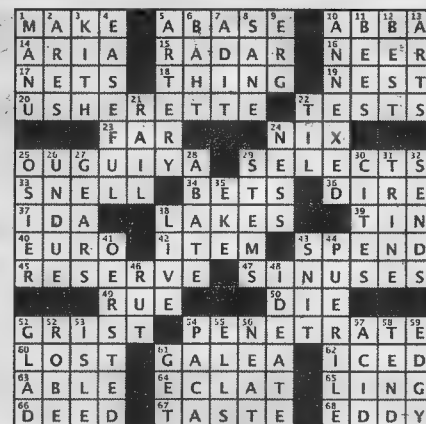
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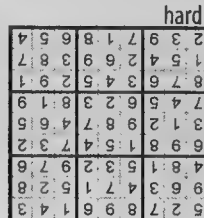
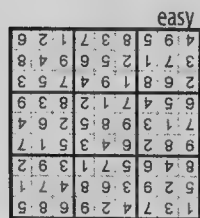
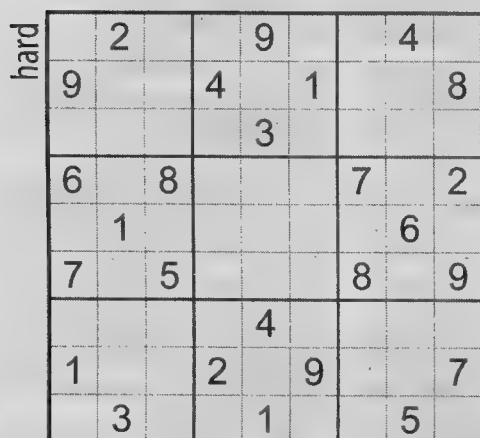
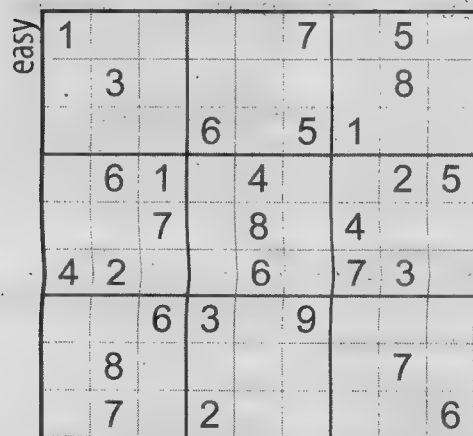
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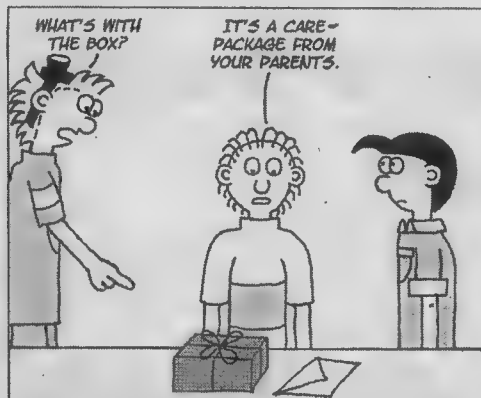


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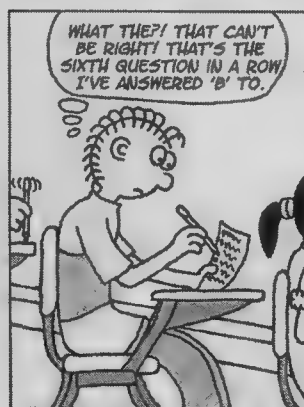
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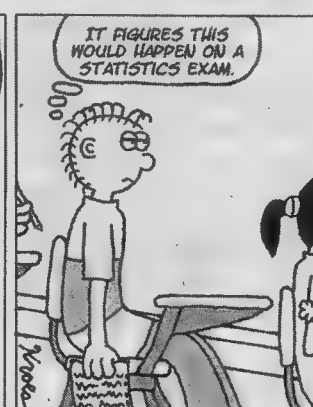
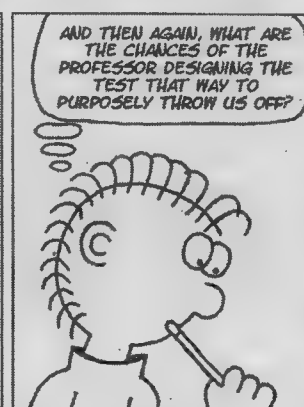
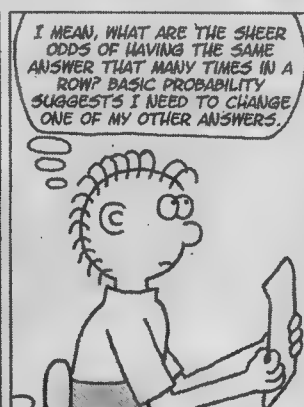
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## Weekly Weather

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	Tuesday Feb. 12	Wednesday Feb. 13	Thursday Feb. 14	Friday Feb. 15	Saturday Feb. 16	Sunday Feb. 17	Monday Feb. 18
Burlington	Cloudy 25°/35° 10%	Snow 32°/17° 40%	Sunny 26°/8° 10%	Snow 22°/2° 30%	Snow 16°/5° 30%	Cloudy 24°/21° 10%	Snow 30°/17° 60%
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Feb. 12 — Feb. 18

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

### Results

#### Men's Hockey

Friday, Feb. 8  
Win @ Providence  
UVM: 0-1-1 - 2  
Providence: 0-1-0 - 1

Saturday, Feb. 9  
OT Loss @ Providence  
UVM: 1-1-1-0 - 3  
Providence: 2-1-0-1 - 4

#### Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 6  
Win @ Binghamton  
UVM: 36-47 - 83  
Binghamton: 33-45 - 78

#### Women's Hockey

Friday, Feb. 8  
Loss vs. BU  
BU: 2-0-1 - 3  
UVM: 0-0-1 - 1

Saturday, Feb. 2  
Loss/Win vs. BU  
BU: 0-0-0 - 0  
UVM: 0-0-0 - 0

#### Women's Basketball

Tuesday, Feb. 5  
Loss @ Binghamton  
UVM: 29-40 - 69  
BU: 27-46 - 73

Sunday, Feb. 10  
Win vs. Stony Brook  
Stony Brook: 23-28-51  
UVM: 30-41-71

#### Skiing

Friday/Saturday  
Dartmouth Carnival  
Middlebury 628.0  
UVM 624.5  
Dartmouth 604.0  
UNH 513.0  
Williams 485.5  
Colby 446.0  
Bates 392.0  
St. Lawrence 324.0  
Harvard 180.0  
St. Michael's 161.0  
Bowdoin 91.0

#### Conference Standings

##### Hockey East Men's Hockey

New Hampshire - (12-4-1)  
Overall - (16-7-1)  
Boston College - (8-4-6)  
Overall - (12-6-7)  
Providence - (8-5-3)  
Overall - (12-9-3)  
Northeastern - (9-7-2)  
Overall - (12-8-3)  
UMass Lowell - (7-6-4)  
Overall - (12-8-4)  
Boston University - (7-8-3)

Overall - (8-13-4)  
Vermont - (5-6-5)  
Overall - (6-10-7)  
Massachusetts - (5-8-5)  
Overall - (10-9-6)  
Maine - (4-10-3)  
Overall - (8-13-3)  
Merrimack - (4-12-2)  
Overall - (10-12-3)

##### America East Men's Basketball

UMBC (7-2)  
Overall - (15-7)  
Vermont - (6-3)  
Overall - (11-10)  
Binghamton - (6-3)  
Overall - (10-11)  
Hartford - (5-4)  
Overall - (11-13)  
Albany - (5-4)  
Overall - (10-11)  
New Hampshire - (4-5)  
Overall - (7-14)  
Boston University - (4-5)  
Overall - (7-14)  
Maine - (2-6)  
Overall - (6-15)  
Stony Brook - (1-8)  
Overall - (4-17)

##### Hockey East Women's Hockey

New Hampshire - (12-0-1)  
Overall - (22-3-1)  
Connecticut - (8-2-3)  
Overall - (17-4-6)  
Providence - (7-4-2)  
Overall - (12-11-3)  
Boston College - (6-6-2)  
Overall - (10-9-6)  
Boston University - (6-6-1)  
Overall - (9-12-3)  
Northeastern - (4-8-1)  
Overall - (5-16-3)  
Maine - (1-8-3)  
Overall - (2-20-3)  
Vermont - (1-11-1)  
Overall - (5-20-1)

##### America East Women's Basketball

Hartford - (8-1)  
Overall - (18-4)  
Vermont - (6-3)  
Overall - (15-7)  
Albany - (6-3)  
Overall - (8-14)  
Binghamton - (5-3)  
Overall - (7-14)  
Boston University - (5-4)  
Overall - (12-10)  
UMBC - (3-6)  
Overall - (7-15)  
New Hampshire - (3-6)  
Overall - (6-15)  
Maine - (3-6)  
Overall - (6-16)  
Stony Brook - (1-8)  
Overall - (6-16)

### Club Sports

Jake Ahrens  
Senior Sports Writer



### Cycling Club

Last fall the cycling club team sent nine riders down to Banner Elk, N.C. where they came in fifth at the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals.

The team is one of UVM's larger clubs, comprised of over 70 active members.

They compete year round in the Eastern Collegiate

Cycling Conference (ECCC), traveling throughout the northeast for competitions.

The team took the ECCC overall, controlling the fall mountain bike season.

"We have become a dominant force on the east coast," said James Patterson, president of the club.

"We had a great fall, beating teams with 10 times the budget we had," said Patterson, "and our goal is to go and place high in the collegiate road nationals in the spring."

The spring season starts up in March, with UVM hosting a

race on April 19-20.

With all the success the cycling club has generated, they have gotten recognition from various sponsors, the most notably from Ski Rack.

Despite the success the cycling club has had, they haven't stopped their search for improvement. "Really anyone can join," said Patterson, "If you're looking to have a good time, or just cycle."

Want to see your club sport featured in *The Cynic*?  
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## Skiing Update

Juniors Juergen Uhl and Jilyne McDonald each recorded top five finishes in Friday and Saturday's Dartmouth carnival in Hanover, N.H.

Uhl finished first in the men's 20k classic for his fourth straight victory this season.

McDonald led the the women's alpine team and senior Greg Hardy was at the forefront of the men's team, finishing second and fourth, respectively, in the slalom.

The Cats follow up their third-place finish of 644 points on Feb. 15 and 16 at the Williams carnival held at Jiminy Peak and Prospect Mountain.

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## Good Week / Bad Week

### National sports in a nutshell Good Week for Duke

The Blue Devils got comfortable in their new role as the number-two team in the land when they took out Tobacco Road rivals North Carolina 89-78.

After another ACC win on Saturday, Duke moved to 9-0 in conference play and looks like a serious national contender, which is refreshing for a team that does not rely on one superstar.

### Good Week for the Lakers

Everyone who thought that Pau Gasol and Kobe Bryant would not be able to play together please sit down and shut up right now.

After their combined 66 points led the Lakers to victory on Friday, the only question that remains about LA is: how far can they go?

Once Andrew Bynum comes back, the Lakers are going to be a force to be reckoned with in the West.

### Good Week for Egypt

The African Cup of Nations holders were crowned soccer champions after Mohamed Aboutrika slotted home a winner 13 minutes from time.

The 1-0 victory over Cameroon stretched Egypt's Nations cup record to six victories.

### Good Week for the Celtics

Despite playing without MVP front-runner Kevin Garnett for their last seven games, the C's kept up their dominating pace, going 5-2 over that span and strengthening their argument as championship favorites.

While Paul Pierce and Ray Allen continue to play at a consistently all-star caliber, role players such as Rajon Rondo, Glen "Big Baby" Davis and Leon Powe have picked up the slack in KG's absence and have played crucial crunch-time minutes.

With their win over the Spurs on Sunday, Boston moved to 16-0 against the mighty Western conference.

### Bad Week for Curt Schilling

The BoSox will be without 41-year-old pitcher Curt Schilling at least through the all-star break and maybe the season after an MRI revealed a torn tendon in his throwing shoulder.

Schilling has agreed to rehab rather than opt for surgery that would likely end any chance at pitching in 2008.

Welcome to the rotation, Clay Buchholz!

### Bad Week for the Phoenix Suns

The Suns made a head-scratching move, trading four-time All-Star, Shawn Marion, for the broken-down diesel, Shaquille O'Neil.

Not only do they get his big 340 lb. frame to fit into their run-and-gun system, but they also get his fat contract to weigh them down as well.

### Good Week for the Suns

The Suns landed legendary center Shaquille O'Neal this week for F Shawn Marion and G Marcus Banks.

If Shaq can stay healthy, play a somewhat lesser role and be effective defensively for the team, they can move superstar Amare Stoudemire to PF and be a true threat to make a run at the NBA title.

# Men's hockey turns it on down the stretch

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

Following an up and down weekend against two nationally ranked foes, the UVM men's hockey team travelled to Providence for a two-game series against the #11 ranked Friars this past weekend.

On Feb. 1, the Catamounts put up a good fight against #7 New Hampshire for two

periods, but in the third, the Wildcats took over and ran away with a 5-1 victory.

UVM didn't stay down for long, though.

On Feb. 3, the Cats came out firing and beat #16 UMass-Lowell 3-2, proving head coach Kevin Sneddon's classification of the UNH game as a "speed bump" to be true.

The upset was nationally broadcast on ESPN.

UVM carried the momentum of the win into Schneider Arena in Providence and ended the Friars' season-high four game unbeaten streak.

The Catamounts avenged a 4-0 December loss to Providence inside Gutterson Fieldhouse with a 2-1 victory against the country's #5 power play team.

While the Cats do not have any four game unbeaten streaks of their own to brag about this season, they are heating up at just the right time and look to be a true threat as the season winds down.

The Cats split Providence and, prior to the UNH loss, tied and defeated Northeastern on consecutive nights.

Vermont followed the win

over the Huskies with a win and an overtime tie the next weekend against Massachusetts.

The most impressive part of these weekend series for the Catamounts is that Northeastern was ranked #9 nationally at the time and UMass was #14 in the nation.

UVM only has three weekend series remaining before the tournament begins, and each one will be crucial.

However, after a tough start to the season, the Catamounts are proving that it's how you finish off your season that truly matters.



(O-O)

What do Pro-Bowlers Tom Brady, Randy Moss, Ladanian Tomlinson and Brett Favre have in common?

They're skipping the Pro Bowl. Is any sporting event lamer than the NFL's version of an "all-star" game?

**ZP:** Yes — anything involving curling and/or competitive eating.

But honestly, NFL players show their own all-star game less love than Gisele probably showed Tom after his miserable performance in the Super Bowl.

At least the NBA and MLB all-star games are held in the middle of the season and most of the top players in each respective league participate.

The biggest problem with the Pro Bowl is that it occurs at the end of the longest stretch of the season.

I don't blame the players for being tired and sore, but I also don't blame the fans for not watching this painfully bad attempt at all-star football.

**AD:** More lame than the Pro Bowl?

I'd say the Daytona 500 because it's not a sport, it's incredibly un-engaging and, above all, boring — but competitors don't drop out of the Daytona 500.

I'd say the NBA all-star game too, but then I remember when, about 10 years ago, the NBA all-star game/weekend was one of the most fun times of the year.

So, no, nothing is more lame than the Pro Bowl. When the best players in the game are chosen and then turn down the opportunity, that's absurd.

It's a joke. It would be more legitimate if they didn't have the game.

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PRO BOWL OR  
NO-SHOW BOWL? ZACH 0  
AUSTIN 1

## FACE OFF

ZACH PARKER VS. AUSTIN DANFORTH

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY



(I-O)

Dick Vitale is returning to the air for ESPN this week and some fans aren't convinced it's all that "AWESOME, BABY!"

Who is the best sports announcer? More importantly, who is the worst?

**ZP:** Come on, how are you going to hate on Dickie V?

I know the guy is goofy as all hell, but he's got passion for college basketball and he knows his stuff.

Yet, the best sports announcer is Bob Costas. I know he doesn't announce much anymore, but the man is intelligent and he's not afraid to challenge professional athletes who act like assholes.

As far as the worst announcer is concerned, the award has to go to either Phil Simms or Joe Buck.

I will never forget that painful Super Bowl XXXVIII Phil Simms quote: "Kicker is the toughest position in football..."

**AD:** The only knock on Dickie V is he is actually Dickie V. He can't say enough about Duke and it's incredibly off-putting.

Other than that, I love him and his enthusiasm. He's a PTPer in my book.

The best announcer used to be Keith Jackson — and maybe he'll be the best ever.

The best active announcer is Madden and though I know there are a lot of reasons to knock him, no one ever taught me the difference between "people corn" and "cow corn" more succinctly.

Worst: Tim McCarver. I've heard chimps sound more intelligent on air.

THE SCORE  
WHHHOOAAA NELLYY! ZACH 0  
AUSTIN 2

We are officially mired in the worst stretch of sports of the year — that dreaded month between the Super Bowl and March Madness.

I've got some time to kill. What's the best sporting event between now and the NCAA tournament?

**ZP:** Well, not the Pro Bowl or the Daytona 500.

I would have to go with any college basketball rivalry games — namely Duke-UNC — or the NBA All-Star game/Dunk Contest.

I know the dunk contest has gotten progressively worse over the past few years, but it's still fun to watch some of the creative dunks these guys think of.

The All-Star game can also be boring at times, but there's something to be said for the NBA's best making plays on the same court.

That being said, March Madness can't come soon enough.

**AD:** I'll give you a short list.

1. Any time Tiger plays golf (next up: World Golf Championship Match Play).

2. ESPN's BracketBuster is always fun: a look at some of the best mid-major teams and a great prequel/preview to March Madness.

3. Any European soccer game (a good example: Bayern München vs. Werder Bremen at the top of Bundesliga standings this past Sunday).

Really, all is not lost. The fun is where you find it and I'm of the mind that this time of year is made for college basketball and hockey, the buildup to the best sports month of the year.

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DUNK CONTESTS WILL AUSTIN 2  
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# Vermont through rose-colored glasses



(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)  
Junior forward Kelli Poles grabs a rebound between a group of Stony Brook defenders in Sunday's 71-51 victory. Poles recorded a double-double to the game played in pink uniforms to support breast cancer awareness as part of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's "Think Pink" program.

Women's basketball beat Stony Brook by 20 points on Sunday afternoon

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Managing Editor

The Catamounts women's basketball team continued their hot streak at home with a win over conference foe Stony Brook.

Sporting bright pink uniforms in support of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Breast Cancer Awareness Week, the Catamounts started the second half of their conference schedule strong, winning 71-51.

Junior Amy Rosenkrantz led the Cats, who had dropped two straight league contests, with 22 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Sophomore Courtney Pilypaitis and junior Kelli Poles added double doubles for a Vermont team that has gone 10-1 at home and 4-0 in conference.

Pilypaitis finished with 14 points and 10 assists. She was named Co-America East Player of the Week last week, her second straight week receiving that honor and the third time this season. Poles had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Vermont improved to 15-0 this season when they hold opponents under 65 points and 7-1 when they score over 70.

The Catamounts now stand at 15-7 overall and 6-3 in America East play.

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## The red sweatshirt of Doom

It's been a rough week in Looperland.

I haven't posted on my blog but once since Sunday.

I haven't watched ESPN for more than five minutes all week, save for the U.S.A.-Mexico soccer match.

I haven't visited ESPN.com more than a few times either — once to check up on golf, once to check on Signing Day results and a couple of times to check up on the Bundesliga standings.

[Aside: Signing Day was a so-so for the Maize and Blue. Terrelle Pryor is still trying to decide between the good guys from Ann Arbor or the evil Buckeyes and the Sweatervest. Rich Rodriguez needs this kid. Michigan needs this kid.]

I haven't even bothered checking SI.com to find out when the next Swimsuit Issue hits stands.

There is even a sheet tacked to the wall outside my office — slash-glorified cubicle of things not to say in front of me ...

... And they're all things that have to do with the Super Bowl.

I know this might not be "newsworthy" anymore in the "timely" sense, but, frankly, pain is timeless.

I haven't been able to bring myself to pay attention to my usual channels of sports information and write and think about sports because of Eli F---ing Manning and the New York Giants.

The thing is, I can't knock them because they played a great game, the game they had to play in order to have the best chance of winning.

What I can knock, though, is Belichick's stupid red sweatshirt. Why the hell would he change from the 18-0 gray cut-off job? Why?

It makes negative sense.

First of all — and I know he was in Phoenix, but the game was indoors — he cut the sleeves too short. You'd have thought the hooded, brooding Emperor look-alike was getting ready to spend a week on Muscle Beach!

And red? WHY RED?!

If it wasn't alarming enough on its own, the red cut-off shook me to my core. It was sensory overload and instantly reeked of bad karma — not that I'm superstitious, which I am.

In the end, I didn't move for about 30 minutes after the game; I was shocked. No amount of PBR or beautiful smorgasbord of artery-clogging food could remedy the situation — trust me, I tried.

People tell me, "It's just a game." While that's true on one level, it's still completely bogus.

Yes, it was a football game, but it was the first game ever involving one team's chance of becoming the first 19-0 team in history.

It was supposed to be the culmination of a season of wrath, controversy and incredible accomplishment, and it went horribly, horribly wrong.

What did we get to show for it after the final horn?

We got 18-1.

18-1. The biggest, ugliest "1" in the history of pro football.

"18-1." You better believe that's on the list of things not to say around me.

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## GOLDEN GLOVES

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representative, sophomore Stephanie Steeves from the Bantam Boxing Gym. Taking on Steeves was Jessalyn Gillett from Cornwall.

Steeves was in control for the entire bout, delivering left jab after left jab to Gillett's chin, allowing her to cruise to a three-round decision.

"I am fucking excited," Steeves said following the bout. "I knew she liked to throw a hard right, so I worked really hard to stop that, and it paid off."

Steeves will join the rest of Saturday's winners at the New England championships in Lowell, Mass. this week, where she will join her sister in the tournament bracket.

The next fight was in the 132-pound division as well and featured Lucien Benway from the Precision Boxing Gym against Joe Martin from Gamache Gym.

The first two rounds were evenly contested, but in the third, Benway exploded with

multiple combos on Martin. The referee paused the action twice to check on Martin and eventually call the bout.

Benway's TKO victory at 1:50 in the third round allowed him to take home the Scott Patterson Memorial Outstanding Boxer award.

The rest of the novice winners on the night were Sarah Cochran and Jeff Harrison (141), Travis Lund (152), Chad Garfield (165), Keith Derrig (178), Joseph Gambero (Heavyweight) and Anthony Topchyev (Super Heavyweight).

Lund was awarded the "Benjy" Bonilla Memorial Sportsmanship Award and the Jimmy Sheridan Memorial Outstanding Manager/Trainer Award went to John George from Windsor.

While Saturday's fights were a long way from the top, many of the fighters in the building seemed to be driven by the hope of one day turning pro, and the audience was wholeheartedly behind them the entire way, showing the amount of passion the Green Mountain State has for amateur boxing.



Above: Anton Topchyev (left) follows through on a left hook against Matthew Cardente at the Vermont Golden Gloves Championships held at Memorial Auditorium.

Below: Joe Martin (left) gets up close and personal with Lucien Benway.



Jeremy Witham (right) and Chad Garfield trade punches in Saturday night's 165-pound final match.







## This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 12 – Monday, Feb. 18

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

**Women's Basketball**  
vs. Hartford  
Patrick Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 14

**Swimming**  
@ America East Championships  
Orono, Maine, TBA  
**Men's Basketball**  
vs. Boston University  
Patrick Gymnasium, 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 15

**Swimming**  
@ America East Championships  
Orono, Maine, TBA  
**Skiing**  
@ Williams Carnival  
Jiminy Peak/Prospect Mountain, 9 a.m.  
**Men's Hockey**  
vs. Merrimack  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:05 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 16

**Swimming**  
@ America East Championships  
Orono, Maine, TBA  
**Skiing**  
@ Williams Carnival  
Jiminy Peak/Prospect Mountain, 9 a.m.  
**Track and Field**  
@ Dartmouth w/ New Hampshire  
Hanover, N.H., 12 p.m.  
**Women's Hockey**  
@ New Hampshire  
Durham, N.H., 2 p.m.  
**Women's Basketball**  
@ Albany  
Albany, N.Y. 2 p.m.  
**Men's Hockey**  
vs. Merrimack  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:05 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 17

**Swimming**  
@ America East Championships  
Orono, Maine, TBA  
**Women's Hockey**  
@ New Hampshire  
Durham, N.H., 2 p.m.  
**Men's Basketball**  
@ Stony Brook  
Stony Brook, N.Y., 2 p.m.

# Taking hold of the Gold

The 2008 Vermont Golden Gloves boxing championships made an impact at Memorial Auditorium

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Sports Writer

Memorial Auditorium was abuzz Saturday night as Vermont's best amateur boxers came together for the Golden Gloves Vermont state championships.

Before the first bout, the Golden Gloves organization recognized some of the state's boxing legends, including coach and fighter Tommy Garrow and Ace Lucas.

Lucas amassed 300 wins throughout his career and fought the noted Trevor Burbick, who went on to face Muhammed Ali.

After the fighters were introduced, the crowd gave a standing ovation, setting the stage for the rest of the night.

The action began with a 125-pound matchup in the novice division, featuring Tanner Parenteau from the Strongheart Gym and Anthony Pyper from the Precision Boxing Gym.

Pyper started the bout with a verbal taunt and went on the offensive, beginning to throw shots within moments of the bell.

Pyper drew boos from the crowd after the first two rounds



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Stephanie Steeves (left) executes one of her signature left jabs in her bout against Jessalyn Gillett in Saturday night's 132-pound matchup final.

for a hit on Parenteau after the closing bell had sounded.

Parenteau won the three-round bout in a decision, with the audible support of the Memorial

audience.

Following this bout came a 132-pound fight featuring a UVM

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## Fifth time is not a charm

BU swept women's hockey in the weekend's series and won the last five meetings against the Cats

By JASON BUSHEY

Asst. Sports Editor

Despite a valiant effort in both halves of a twin-bill against Boston University last weekend, the UVM women's hockey team was swept by a strong BU team.

In both games, the Catamounts found open shots hard to come by. On Friday night, the Catamounts' lone goal came from an unlikely source — goalie Kristen Olychuck.

On a wild play, Olychuck was the last Catamount to touch the puck on a delayed UVM penalty.

BU accidentally scored on its own empty net while trying to gain an extra player during the delay.

No matter, Olychuck became the first UVM women's goalie to ever be credited with a goal.

While the bizarre play electrified the crowd and pulled the Cats within a goal of the Terriers in the third period, the game was put away by BU's Melissa Anderson with just 4:16 remaining in the final period.

The Catamounts fared no better on Saturday afternoon and were blanked by BU goalie Allyse Wilcox.

The Terriers notched the win, despite being out-shot by the Cats 11-2 in the final

frame.

"There were a lot of good things happening in the third period," UVM head coach Tim Bothwell said. "Overall, we really outworked [BU] over the last two periods save for the final five minutes of the second period."

It was during that five-minute stretch in the second where all the game's scoring was done.

BU freshman Holly Dorms scored falling down from center ice, slicing a shot to the right of Olychuck and in to the bottom of the net with 5:17 remaining in the second period.

Junior Caroline Bourdeau made it a 2-0 game just three minutes later by taking a rebound and putting it over the pads of a sprawled-out Olychuck.

UVM would mount a furious attack in the final period with a barrage of shots, however Wilcox held out against the Catamount forward pressure.

"We need to recognize our opportunities on the net and be a bit more mindful of getting to pucks off rebounds," Bothwell said.

The coach was optimistic, however. "There were lots of really good things going on."

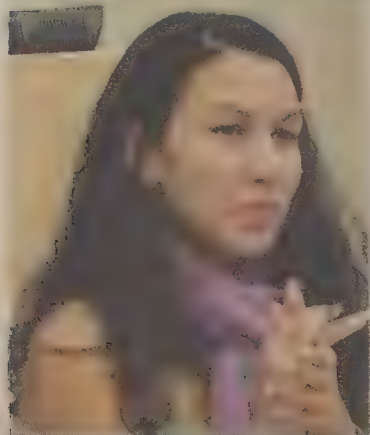
Vermont's unforgiving schedule doesn't get easier next weekend, where they will head to New Hampshire to face the second-ranked Wildcats.



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Sophomore Brittany Nelson (16) tries for a shot around Boston University's defender Sarah Russell (2) and goalie Allyse Wilcox (39) in Friday's 3-1 loss to the Terriers. Wilcox successfully stopped all but one of Vermont's shots in the series except for an unintentional tap by Catamount goalie Kristen Olychuck on a delayed UVM penalty.





(Archive photo/Vermont Cynic)  
SGA President Kesha Ram at a meeting last semester. Ram will be running for the Vermont Statehouse.

## Ram to run for Vt. Statehouse

By KENSINGTON MOORE

Asst. Managing Editor

SGA President Kesha Ram is looking to take her political career to Montpelier by running for a seat in the Vermont House.

Ram spoke of her plans to run at the College Democrats meeting on Thursday night.

"I think the person who represents this district should know what's going on on-campus," Ram said.

The two-seat Chittenden

3-4 voting district that Ram will be running in encompasses the bulk of UVM's campus and surrounding areas heavily populated by UVM students.

Currently Reps. David Zuckerman and Chris Pearson hold the district's seats. Zuckerman and Pearson are both members of the Progressive Party and both UVM alumni, according to the Vermont Progressive Party's web site.

"I would be curious to know what she thinks she brings to the table" Pearson said. Both

of us [Pearson and Zuckerman] are on campus quite a bit, Pearson said.

Pearson has served in the Vermont House since he replaced Bob Kiss when Kiss became Burlington's mayor in April of 2006. Zuckerman has held his seat since 1998 and chairs the House Agriculture Committee.

In 2006 Zuckerman and Pearson ran unopposed.

"I probably have to get used to this whole who are you and why are you running thing,"

Ram said during her speech to the College Democrats.

UVM students running for seats in the Vermont House is not unheard of. Representative Rachel Weston was a graduate student, and president of the Graduate Student Senate at UVM when she ran for and took her seat in 2006.

"I want to make sure students feel enfranchised," Ram said.

Ram is not a stranger to the

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## McCain visits Vt.

Arizona senator is the first presidential candidate to make appearance in Green Mountain State

By MOLLY SHAKER

Features Editor

Senator John McCain brought his leading Republican presidential campaign to the Green Mountain State last Thursday and left with a bottle of Vermont maple syrup.

McCain visited a Valentine's Day crowd of 400 in an effort to assure attendees that he is the more qualified candidate in the race to the White House when put next to Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama.

"I proudly stand before you as a conservative Republican that believes in less government, lower taxes, less regulation; that families make decision on healthcare and not government and that I can provide this nation security," McCain said.

A supporter of the war in Iraq and troop surge in Baghdad, McCain, 71, told the rather "uncrunchy" crowd that his experience as a Vietnam War veteran and senator has prepared him to take on the threat of Islamic extremism, according to the Burlington Free Press.

"My knowledge, my experience, my background and my judgment qualifies me to take on that threat with no on-the-job training," he said to applause. "My friends, I look you in the eye

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## Authorities say L/L fire set intentionally



(Ryan Hayward/Vermont Cynic)

Fire fighters leaving Living and Learning's "E" Building after two fires were intentionally set in trash rooms on Valentine's Day. Students were evacuated from the buildings for approximately three hours. One of the fires was put out by a student with a fire extinguisher while the other fire was put out by the sprinkler which was activated by the fire. Police are still investigating the cause of the fires.

## Tight funds, old equipment keep UVMtv off the air

By SAM RUBINOFF

Cynic Correspondent

UVMtv station is currently incapable of broadcasting student-produced media on any of its stations due to a poor financial situation and outdated equipment.

The only two channels that are currently in operation on UVMtv are a movie station,

which is contracted to media company Swank Inc., and a station that provides a live video feed of the whimsical "flying diaper" statue outside Coolidge Hall.

"What we are looking at is a question of equipment," said UVMtv President Bunny Rutherford. "This Dell computer is a 1995 and this one is from 1997. So basically we are working against the

clock".

Each of these computers were at one point thrown away by Residential Life and were then salvaged into running individual television stations. By the end of the fall semester, both of these computers crashed, leaving no means for UVMtv to broadcast student media.

According to UVMtv Vice President Greg Schon-

delmeier, "We recently tried to ask SGA for \$10,000 for a new server. We put in a capital fund request to get a permanent piece of equipment that would last for the future of UVMtv, but we only got \$1,000. That doesn't even buy us a new computer."

According to SGA Treasurer Sarah Shackett, it is

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# Emergency planners prepare for pandemic

## Emergency Management Planning Working Group informed students of chances and procedures of a Bird Flu outbreak

By COLIN CONSTANTINE  
Cynic Correspondent

The possibility of a flu pandemic brought the Emergency Management Planning Working Group (EMPWG) to the Davis Center last week to host a forum to educate students in the event of an emergency.

The forum was designed to get feedback from the students as well as increase awareness about this imminent outbreak. EMPWG outlined the worst-case scenario of a flu pandemic.

"Everyone's going to be affected by this," Turgeon said.

"Even in best case scenario, tens of thousands of people in the U.S. could die and hundreds of thousands will require medical attention."

Co-chairs Al Turgeon, executive assistant of UVM's financial planning office, and Estelle Maartmann-Moe, former director of the Center for Health and Wellbeing have been working to develop UVM's strategy in the event of an emergency.

"I think we're making a lot of progress, the only problem is that it's a very complicated issue when you get right down to it," Maartmann-Moe said. "We've never gone more than 42 years without a [national] pandemic, and now we're at that 40-year mark."

"Education is the most important thing," Maartmann-Moe said. "A pandemic will occur again."

"Everyone's going to be affected by this," Turgeon said.

"Even in a best case scenario, tens of thousands of people in the U.S. could die and hundreds of thousands will require medical attention."

HSN1, also known as the avian (or bird) flu, is the most likely candidate to start a pandemic. "All pandemics have come from birds," Maartmann-Moe said.

The EMPWG has four major steps to handle the University and the student body in case of a pandemic outbreak:

1. Education prevention
2. Travel Restrictions
3. Social Distancing: banning large group gatherings
4. Isolation Quarantine

"We probably have the most thorough effort underway to respond to a pandemic, out of any institution in the state, and we would probably rank in the top 25 nationally," Turgeon said. "I think the students have a lot to feel good about."

Nearby schools like Mid-

dlebury have decided to completely close down during a pandemic. "We're not going to go there," Maartmann-Moe

**"Even in a best case scenario, tens of thousands of people in the U.S. could die and hundreds of thousands will require medical attention."**

-Al Turgeon,  
Executive Assistant,  
Financial Planning  
Office

said. "We would suspend classes temporarily [and] we're going to try to teach classes remotely," Turgeon said.

Apart from educating, the EMPWG has been structuring a "comprehensive group" of

SGA and faculty to coordinate and execute the complex strategy.

"The trigger for us to be thinking about sending students home is a case of where there is human to human transmission, in large numbers in an international city that has an international airport."

Some students, like junior Joe Castano, fear that "there is nothing we can really do to stop this."

"We're a major institution in this state," said Turgeon. "UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel has made it clear that if UVM were asked to support Federal and State and Local communities, that we will, as best as we can."

The EMPWG has taken on Pandemic Planning as the first emergency in a series. Other emergencies, like ice storms and power outages, are on their future agenda.

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-- if I have to follow him to the gates of hell-- I will get Osama bin Laden and bring him to justice," McCain said.

McCain's visit was spontaneously planned in his effort to visit every state, including Vermont -- a state that has voted Democratic for the past four presidential elections, according to the Burlington Free Press.

Huckabee is the only other candidate who has alluded to visiting the state.

Republican leaders, supporters and those curious about his message took up half of the space at the Atlantic Aviation facility next to Burlington International Airport.

"I'm undecided so I just wanted to come," Chris Leonard, 21, student at Norwich University, said.

McCain addressed the climate change issue, stating that he is a supporter of non-fossil-fuel energy. "I hesitate on a day like today to use the word 'global warming,'" he said.

"It is a national security issue to eliminate our dependence on foreign oil. Suppose

we are correct that our planet's climate is being affected by greenhouse gas emissions and we do nothing? Then what kind of planet are we going to hand over to our kids?"

"I went because I think it is important to be informed about politics and seeing him deliver a speech would inform me more than any article written about him. I was interested to see what kind of people turn up for a McCain rally in Burlington," Jason Gold, UVM junior, said.

McCain's speech lasted approximately 20 minutes.

### Committed to the Facts

**While the Penguin Plunge is part of Winterfest, CDAE's Event Planning class did not participate in the planning of the Penguin Plunge as stated in "UVM class co-hosts Winterfest" on page 1.**



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# Students trying to remove “killer” Coke

**Students for Peace and Global Justice work to prevent renewal of UVM and Coca-Cola’s contract because of “human rights abuses”**

STAFF REPORT

Vermont Cynic News Staff

Students for Peace and Global Justice are working to make sure that UVM buys products from companies who follow its ideals of ethical and environmentally sound practices.

However, they are currently working to remove Coca

Cola from the UVM campus.

Students for Peace and Global Justice have joined the US campaign against Coca Cola called “Killer Coke.”

Coca Cola’s contract with UVM will expire in a few years and students are working on removing Coke from campus, Kayla Decarr said.

“Coke has a lot of human rights and environmental abuses which it has committed all around the world,” Decarr said.

Schools such as NYU, and the University of Illinois no longer sell Coca-Cola on campus.

“We are seeking your help to stop a cycle of murders, kidnappings, and torture of union leaders and organiz-

ers involved in daily life-and-death struggles at Coca-Cola bottling plants in Colombia, South America,” according to killercoke.org.

One of the group’s leaders, Justin Hurtt said, “Coca-Cola products are distributed by an evil company, and we shouldn’t be buying their products.”

There are social injustices in India and Colombia, which are caused by the Coca-Cola company, Hurtt said.

In India, Coca Cola is depleting groundwater, and poor farmers’ crops are dying.

Currently, nearly all drinks on campus are owned by Coca Cola, save for coffee, tea, milk, cider, and fresh squeezed juices.

Coca Cola owns Odwalla,

Vitamin Water and Dasani.

Students who try to avoid soda are surprised to hear that these products are owned by Coca-Cola.

UVM freshman Megan Rabinowich said “I’ve been drinking Odwalla since I came to UVM, but after I found out that it was owned by Coca-Cola, I stopped buying their drinks because I’ve heard about the campaign against Coca-Cola.”

Hurtt said that the contract with Coca-Cola states that wherever drinks are sold, 80 percent of that space must be given to Coca-Cola products. If UVM decides to make a contract with Pepsi, they want only 40 percent of drink space to belong to Pepsi.

Hurtt said that one of the

group’s goals right now is to find other high end producers and distributors, and he said that “They are definitely out there.”

The group wants to support local beverage makers and bring healthier drinks to campus.

The group has a few other distributors in mind, such as Jones Soda, Honest Tea, Naked, and Vermont Soda Company, who makes soft drinks and sports drinks.

Ray Rogers, the campaign director of Killer Coke, is to come and speak at UVM.

Research contributed by Sarah Rosenthal

## STAR fights for “ethical” eggs on campus

By SAMANTHA MADDEN

Cynic Correspondent

Campus dining services have made adjustments in the past to accommodate the demands of students and staff by stocking shelves with fair trade products and incorporating locally-grown produce and dairy in their prepared meals.

But what about eggs?

Students for True Animal Rights (STAR), a club on campus whose mission is to “educate people about the rights of other animals,” according to their web site, has been pushing for a change in the ingredients used by campus cafeterias.

Currently UVM’s dining services use caged eggs for their food production, Carrie Faucher, STAR President explained. Using cage-free eggs means laying hens are able to roam freely and are not confined in wire battery cages.

“STAR doesn’t want the University of Vermont contributing to the unethical treatment of animals,” Faucher said. “We need to show our community that we are taking action and making appropriate changes.”

STAR recently incorporated a cage-free egg amendment to the SGA agenda, which would require all eggs used on campus to be cage-free.

The cage-free request was bundled with a proposed meal plan adjustment that was voted down by the SGA last week and has since been removed from the agenda for an upcoming Board of Trustees meeting until further notice.

At a recent STAR meeting, Faucher was almost positive cage-free will remain on the agenda for the Trustee meeting despite being previously associated with the meal plan request.

“Let’s keep our fingers crossed and hopefully the right decision will be made,” Faucher said.

Last year, a cage-free pilot program was planned for Cook

Commons. The switch incurred a price adjustment. “I have been told that no one seemed to notice the increase in price and cage-free eggs are still being used there,” Faucher said.

Cage-free eggs are currently used in all breakfast items with egg ingredients at Cook Commons, but not campus-wide.

“If we want to be a socially and environmentally conscious school, we should take into account animal rights as well,” Stacy Salerno, a UVM senior said, “But there is always a price to pay.”

Universities across the country have been making noise about switching to cage-

free eggs, but some, like the University of Arizona, found the price increase too drastic and switched back to conventional eggs and products after three trial weeks.

“UVM is falling behind,” Faucher said. “UNH has switched to cage-free in all its on-campus dining facilities.”

STAR members are continuing to work toward a humane and animal friendly campus. They are currently involved in prohibiting medial research using pigs at the University that is expected to begin in May. Members also spend time at the Marter Christi School educating students about animals.

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Statehouse, Ram said she currently has legislation working its way through the House concerning the establishment of an environmental justice policy for the state.

“She is clearly a very accomplished person,” former SGA President Seth Bowden said. The position of SGA president is what you make of it and obviously she has worked very hard Bowden said.

Ram is a native to Los Angeles but has spent her college career in Vermont.

“Where she is geographically from begins to pale in comparison to her work” SGA Vice President Davaughn Vincent-Bryan said.

“Vermont is the kind of place where politics is really accessible,” Ram said

when asked by the College Democrats what made her decide to run. She also said that she doesn’t think uncontested elections are very democratic.

Ram cited how it would be hard to “rub up against the old boy network that exists in any statehouse”

Students on campus were largely ignorant of Rams plans when interviewed.

“I think it would be good to get a younger person” Joe Fraker a UVM sophomore and College Democrat said.

“I never heard of her in my life, I would have to look her up” freshman Bryan Petrow said.

“From what I’ve seen of her she’s quite intelligent... she should go for it” sophomore Mari Diouf said.

Ram said she plans to have a kick-off celebration in March with speakers including Rachel Weston and Davaughn Vincent-Bryan.

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natural for clubs and student organizations like UVMtv to not be fully funded by SGA.

“In our financial policy, SGA cannot fully fund for anything. That’s impossible with the operating budget that we have. We expect clubs to fundraise and make up the difference for that,” Shackett said.

UVMtv’s fundraising revenue should come from selling ad space on shows. However, Rutherford said the station was not successful at raising necessary funds through advertising.

“At the peak of operation we were bringing in around \$200 every month,” Rutherford said.

Shackett also stated that SGA offers zero interest loans. Payment for these loans can be spread up to six semesters if needed.

“Loans are usually given to clubs that are on the teetering point of going negative and it’s

a way to stay positive and keep fundraising efforts going.”

UVMtv, however, is ineligible for this because they already have one loan out to pay off a debt of over \$3,300 from two previous fiscal years. According to Rutherford, the debt was “due to an error in the budget by a previous [UVMtv] treasurer.”

Regardless of tight finances, UVMtv maintains a positive attitude and still continues to film new material that is posted on YouTube under username WatchUVMtv.

Schondelmeier said, “Every time we have a meeting I come out of it feeling really good. Even though we’ve had all of these setbacks and problems. People are so into it and really dedicated to making it work. I feel good about it.”

While it is unclear when UVMtv is going to be fully operational, “UVMtv has planned three fundraisers for the next two weeks and we are exploring every avenue possible to get us up and running again,” Rutherford said.

ford said.

These fundraising activities include bake sales, applying for media grants and a film festival featuring student works planned for April.

Treasurer Shackett hinted towards an increased budget for UVMtv for the next fiscal year, pending approval by the senate.

“Everybody here loves UVMtv; we obviously want to keep them around and we’re willing to do anything we can to help them.”

Director of Student Life Pat Brown also acknowledged the value of UVMtv within the community.

“If I think about the two aspects of UVMtv that are great, one is it gives students a great opportunity to learn about media production from a broadcast perspective and that students living on campus can see and learn about things that are of interest to other students. That’s not happening right now and that’s too bad,” Brown said.

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## NATIONAL

### Shooting at N. Illinois University

Six killed and 15 wounded Thursday in a lecture hall. The gunman, a 27-year-old former student, killed himself.

### Phone companies protected

The senate voted to increase the spy powers of the government and legally protect phone companies that helped the Bush eavesdropping program.

### Lake Mead to dry up by 2021

Officials believe the Colorado River reservoir will be unusable and dried up within 13 years. This threatens burgeoning cities downriver like Phoenix and Las Vegas.

### Millionaire adventurer declared dead

The search for wealthy adventurer Steve Fossett and his single engine plane were called off after courts declared him dead. No wreckage or evidence of Fossett's death has been uncovered.

### Writer strike ends

The Writer's Guild Strike ended last week after several months of protest. Writers will be operating under tentative contracts with producers for the next several years.

### Reynolds to aid McCain campaign

Mercer Reynolds, who helped raise \$273 million for the 2004 Bush re-election campaign, was asked by McCain to co-chair the national finance

### Michelle Obama speaks out

Barack Obama's wife has been winning popularity for the campaign through a series of speeches.

### A.P. tests become more successful

Higher numbers of high school students are taking Advanced Placement classes. While more students are passing, a large gap remains between black and white students.

### Gay marriage ban challenged in Colorado

A lesbian couple from Englewood, Colo. have been trying to overturn the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage through the 2008 ballot.

### Survivors remember five year anniversary of fire

Saturday marked the five year anniversary of the Station nightclub fire in Warwick, R.I. Survivors are waiting for the case to go to federal court.

### Menus to post caloric value

Chain restaurants in New York City will be required to post the caloric value of menu items in order to prevent obesity.

### Eight killed in drag race

Eight people died in an illegal road race in Maryland. Seven died on the scene when a drag racer spun out of control. One later died in the hospital.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Iraqi jails fill up

With more American soldiers occupying Iraq, the country's jails and prisons begin to overflow with detainees.

### Iraqi interpreter freed

An Iraqi interpreter was freed from Basra after being kidnapped, but the CBS journalist captured with him remains captive.

### Iraqis attempt to reconcile relations

The Iraqi Parliament achieved three "far-reaching measures" to reconcile differences between Sunnis and Shiites. A more representative government is hopeful for the future.

### Hezbollah leader killed in Syria

Wanted since the 1980s for his role in terrorist attacks that resulted in the deaths of hundreds of Americans, the top Hezbollah leader was killed in a car bomb explosion, according to Syrian officials.

### China linked to Panama poisonings

One hundred seventy four people were poisoned by counterfeit cold medicine in Panama. Evidence suggests that the medicine was from an unlicensed Chinese plant.

### Power in Pakistan expect to change

Current religious parties have fallen in Pakistan, according to opinion polls, and power is expected to shift in next week's parliamentary elections.

### U.S. women sexually assaulted in Iraq

American women working as contractors in Iraq have reported sexual assault by coworkers. Because of unclear laws, the women have not yet received compensation.

### Drug responsible for four deaths in U.S.

Herapin, an ingredient found in blood thinners from Baxter International was linked to US deaths. The Chinese government does not certify or inspect their drugs and the FDA did not inspect them prior to distribution.

All information collected from *The New York Times*

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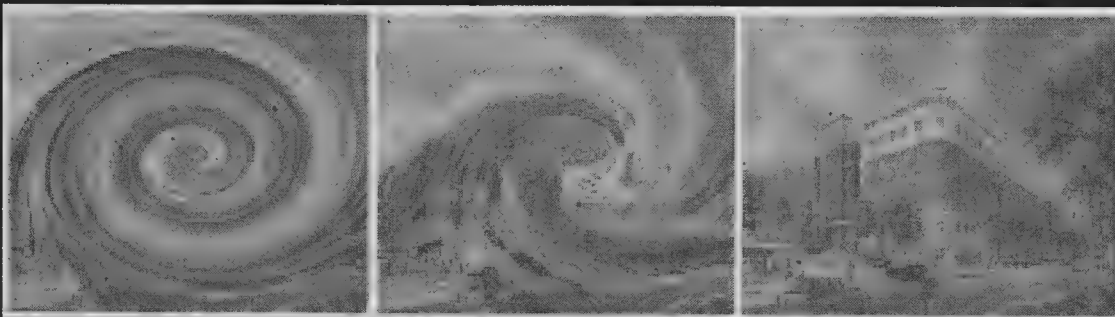
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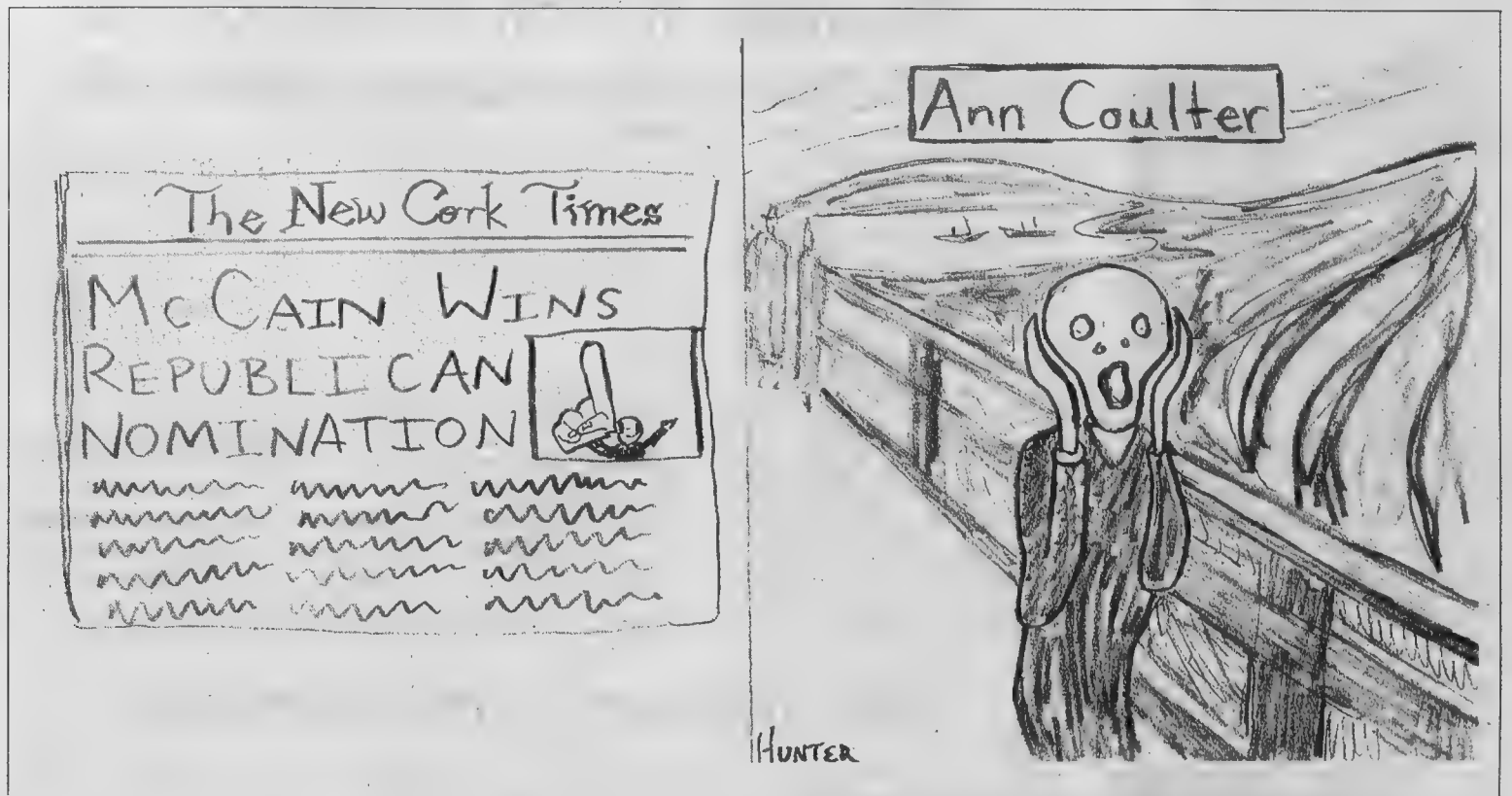
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## Let the students in

There aren't many experiences that are shared by all students on this campus, but one of them is the frustration over certain dorm policies. In this case, our irritation is directed at the policy that allows students to access only the specific dorm that they call home.

Why, we ask, should it be that a student visiting a classmate, friend or partner in one of the many dorms on this campus should deal with the inconvenience of having either to wait for a fellow student to let them in, or devise one of many ways to thwart the system?

But wait, you say, these can be very helpful exercises for a student, building the patience and problem-solving skills that will one day prove very useful. This is especially true in Harris-Millis, where separate cards are needed to access different parts of the same build-

ing.

But this cleverly designed system of tests and puzzles may have some unintended consequences.

Though students are discouraged from allowing strangers to enter their buildings, this request becomes unreasonable when there is a constant flow of students from other buildings that must enter their's on a regular basis.

As a result, most students ignore this suggestion — allowing anyone and everyone into their homes — because they cannot reasonably and quickly identify students from non-students.

Or they choose to go in the other direction, using no discretion at all and allowing nobody, including those who clearly belong into their residences.

And this obstacle proves a small, but nevertheless annoying, hindrance to students who wish or are required to

work with one another on projects.

We could rattle off dozens of other reasons why this policy is bad — bad in the sense that it is both cumbersome and ineffective — but it would be best to just sum this up as wholly unnecessary and futile.

This is not the most dynamic or serious issue facing our campus, but it is one that we think could be fixed very easily and reap many positive results.

Please, open the dorms to all Cat-card-holding students. We think everyone would be happy and willing to trust their fellow students, rather than look at them with suspicion.

Really, that's not a fun look to face, it's not a fun look to give and it doesn't help us become a more cohesive and accepting community.

## Protecting the wrong interests

For what feels like the thousandth time (possibly more than that), our rage is directed at George W. Bush. But, now, our anger is directed more broadly, at the representative bodies of our federal government, too.

In spectacular, would-be-hilarious-if-it-wasn't-scary fashion, the renewal of a corrupt and right-stripping bill failed only because it wasn't corrupt and right-stripping enough.

Portions of the Protect America Act (PAA), which facilitated things like spying secretly on American citizens, expired on Saturday because the US House and Senate couldn't come to an agreement on whether to grant so-called "retroactive immunity" to telecom corporations that illegally assisted the government in spying on American citizens.

Though Mr. Bush insists that the provisions of the PAA are vital for protecting Americans, he threatened to veto any extension that did not include the aforementioned immunity — a move which, if we're reading into this correctly, places the interests of large corporations over the safety of American citizens.

To paraphrase this threat, "Protection for telecoms is a prerequisite for the protection of the American people."

And he followed through.

A sane and nominally honest man would have dropped this demand when it became apparent that the law was going to lapse, but he pushed forward, leaving, by his own standard, Americans vulnerable to a possible terrorist attack.

From this we can conclude one of two things, both of which imply, for that thousandth time, that Mr. Bush is not only bad at his job, but has an offensively poor set of priorities to boot.

He must either be a liar who does not truly believe that this law is a vital tool for protecting Americans' safety, or he is beholden to the interests of corporations, and is willing to gamble the very lives of Americans for their enrichment.

What's more, our Senate willingly complied. They caved to the absurd demands and threats of the president, and they caved to the pressures of special interests.

By pardoning the actions of these corporations, they reasoned, these companies would be more likely to cooperate with the government in the future.

But the bottom line is that these companies are under threat of hundreds of millions, if not billions of dollars in lawsuits. The Senate was working to protect their pocketbooks.

We can thank the House of Representatives for defying the wishes of the president and their colleagues in the Senate, but we've nevertheless come scarily close to enduring yet another horribly conceived and immoral law.

And it's not over. Though the law has not been passed, the House could still agree to the Senate's version.

For the thousandth time we ask ourselves, "What is this country coming to?"

(Note: none of Vermont's representatives or senators agreed to this nonsense. We thank you Senators Leahy and Sanders, and Representative Welch)



## Keeping watch on our peers

A freshman boy in Harris didn't make it back until spring semester.

His stuff is gone and his roommate probably now shares the other half of their shoebox dorm with a kid from Massachusetts.

He fell into an unfortunate—but not altogether uncommon—freshman trap: he didn't spend enough time sober and in class.



**Julia Gabriel Michel**

College is an exciting place outside the previous comforts of family, but sometimes it's also a terribly cutthroat place. In college, on your own, it's up to you to go to class, get involved and regulate your own party habits. And that's the way it should be.

Still, I can't help but feel as though the institution itself failed him, that he's not the only one to blame for the fact that he isn't eating at the Grundle daily anymore.

A Bob Dylan song, "Who Killed Davey Moore?" attempts to assign the blame for the death of the late famous boxer, Davey Moore. Is it the

fault of the referee who didn't step in? Or the manager who profits from the sport? Or the opponent, whose job it was to swing and hit, and ultimately kill? Each player in the story maintains that the fault was not 100 percent theirs, therefore, they are not to blame at all.

But isn't this case the same?

It's clear that he made personal, informed decisions to skip class, blow off assignments and abuse drugs. Maybe it's all his own fault.

Or is it the fault of his RA, who could have stepped in and offered more support as

a friend and not as a policing force?

Or is it the fault of his professors for not recognizing all of the signs, specifically his TAP professor, who should have gotten to know him better?

Or is it the fault of the Sodexo employees who probably noted his bloodshot eyes and slurred speech but served him anyway?

Or is it the fault of his roommate, a peer, who saw him day to day?

Or is it my fault, as a family friend, for not calling him during first semester more?

Where did the institution

fail?

This is not to say that cases of this don't happen every day—a portion of freshman don't even make it to Thanksgiving, let alone winter break.

But that doesn't make it right.

The University should not have the attitude of "well, he didn't take care of himself and he didn't make it."

Just like in the Dylan tune, we can't all relinquish responsibility. We all could have acted, and if we all notice the signature tailspin of a drugged-up freshman in the future, we all should act.

## The disparity of marriage

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." First Amendment



**Tom Mertz**

"...No state shall...deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." 14th Amendment

If this is the case, what the hell is marriage law?

Laws regulating who can marry who and what benefits you receive are clearly unconstitutional.

Not only do they violate the First Amendment by respecting an establishment of religion (marriage in the traditional way we have it on the books is clearly an establishment of religion) but they also violate the 14th Amend-

ment by giving advantages to heterosexual married couples that other folks don't get.

That goes against the Constitution (the highest law in the land).

Why have we (we the people) allowed the government to do this when so many of us are not heterosexual married people? Is there something about heterosexual married people that we like so much we think they deserve special treatment over everyone else?

Real marriage law, marriage law that upholds the constitution, would look like the following:

-Women and men can marry.

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-Men and men can marry.

-Family members can marry although procreation would not be recommended.

-Anyone can marry anyone (18-year-old limit would still

stand because it is a legal contract and you need to be 18 for a contract to be enforceable)

-Groups of people can all marry each other. I'm not advocating polygamy in the sense that one guy can have a wife and a family in five different states. I'm saying that if four or five or whatever number of people are all in love with each other, they should be able to enjoy the benefits of marriage.

Do we think that three men (or women or any combination of men, women, transgender, and those who don't identify with gender) who all claim to love each other are lying? Is the human emotion felt by people that aren't heterosexual, in this case love, not real emotion?

How can we say that two men and two women (all bisexual) can't all love each other together?

And it would be impossible for the government to follow

the guidelines of marriage that are outlined in the Bible and other holy texts.

We can't go around acting as if the Bible is right.

Wouldn't that mean the Earth was created about 6,000 years ago? Where did the dinosaur bones come from? Where did the oil come from? How are we going to explain to the Chinese that their county and ancient dynasties aren't really as old as they think they are? Should we stone people to death that enjoy sex with members of the same sex? Should we outlaw gambling and call people that enjoy sex evil?

There are countless examples of why religious holy texts are clearly not accurate depictions of the history of humanity.

If America is supposed to have a separation of church and state, why are we so unwilling to think outside the Biblical box on marriage?

It is not the place of government to impose the will of religion on people, especially in a place as diverse as the United States.

The final step is to no longer call it marriage. The word "marriage" is an establishment of religion that doesn't belong in our laws. How about civil unions? Everybody gets a civil union. It doesn't matter who you want to get it with.

I know this is a stretch for many of you but it is a necessary way to stop discrimination against non-heterosexuals.

The 14th Amendment demands that all people be protected equally under the laws. Giving the benefits of marriage to some that you don't give to others certainly qualifies as illegal, institutionalized discrimination.

## Letters to the Editor

### A fellow editor responds

[Posted on the www.vermontcynic.com message boards in response to "Journalism in Danger"]

College journalism has always been in danger of some sort. The one's that get their funding from SGAs have to worry about their funding being cut because some insipid student politician doesn't like what he or she sees in print.

Those that are "independent" and run off ad revenues don't need to worry about the SGA, but their advertisers are now a concern. This places them in the same boat as "real" newspapers.

In a perfect world, the SGA would have the sense to know that a free newspaper is worth it being out of line now

and again, but sadly, like their real-world counterparts, SGA executives seem to have been out sick the day their school went over the First Amendment.

Respectfully,  
Keith Whitcomb Jr.  
Critic Editor  
Lyndon State College

### Getting the facts right

[Posted by "Tell the TRUTH" on the www.vermontcynic.com message boards in response to "Students organize group for environmentally friendly toilet paper"]

It is great to see young people active in what they believe, but it would be nice for them to be more informed

than this article demonstrates.

First, the Scott brand tissue that Vermont uses contains minimally 80% recycled fiber of which 75 percent is post-consumer waste, when the article states that it contains small amounts of recycled fiber and post consumer waste.

Additionally, only 3 percent of Kimberly-Clark's products come from non-certified forests.

It is great to be active in what one believes, but being active prior to knowing the facts can be dangerous!

### In defense of "clickers"

[Posted by "Brandon" on www.vermontcynic.com in

response to "We decry: those stupid clickers"]

The "clickers" are meant to help an instructor quickly determine if a lesson needs reteaching.

They query the students, and they know what parts of the lecture/lesson didn't catch on with the students and what parts did.

As well, they can identify those who are struggling and, therefore, offer them further help.

Unfortunately for you, many instructors "profess" rather than "teach."

This means that you will probably be saving your professors a couple of minutes at the beginning of class rather than using a very powerful instructional tool to enhance your learning.

Good Luck.

### A cheaper Summer U

[Posted by "Amanda" on the www.vermontcynic.com message boards in response to "SGA helps to lower Summer U tuition"]

I hope this makes a difference in the use of Summer U. All those classrooms half empty isn't the best use of our resources.

We could go a long way to reducing (or even just maintaining) our ecological footprint over time if we just used what we already had during the full year.

[Due to a dearth of letters this week, The Cynic took some of the best and most relevant comments on its Web site to print for your intellectual pleasure.]

## Letters needed to fill white space according to report

"Please GOD send us letters to the editor," says Opinion Editor

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COMMENT ONLINE AT WWW.VERMONTCYNIC.COM**



## This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 19 – Monday, Feb. 25

### TUESDAY, FEB. 19 Women's Basketball

@ UNH  
Durham, N.H., 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 Men's Basketball

vs. Hartford  
Patrick Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 22 Skiing

@ Middlebury Carnival  
Middlebury, Vt., 9 a.m.

### Track and Field

@ America East Championships  
Boston, Mass., 11 a.m.

### Men's Hockey

@ UMass-Lowell  
Lowell, Mass., 7 p.m.

### Women's Hockey

vs. Northeastern  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 23 Skiing

@ Middlebury Carnival  
Middlebury, Vt., 9 a.m.

### Softball

@ Dayton and Georgia State  
Atlanta, Ga., 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

### Track and Field

@ America East Championships  
Boston, Mass., 11 a.m.

### Women's Basketball

vs. BU  
Patrick Gymnasium, 2 p.m.

### Women's Hockey

vs. Northeastern  
Gutterson Fieldhouse 7 p.m.

### Men's Hockey

@ UMass-Lowell  
Lowell, Mass., 7 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

@ UNC-Wilmington  
Wilmington, N.C., 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 24 Softball

@ Tennessee State  
Atlanta, Ga., 10 a.m.

## Cats drop a trio of close calls

**Dogfights: Men's basketball lost to the Retrievers, Terriers and Seawolves by a combined five points**

By KAT WILLIAMS

Senior Staff Writer

It was a familiar scene last Thursday for the UVM Men's Basketball team, when they were defeated by Boston University 59-58.

Three nights before, the team had another loss to Albany by less than five points.

The 64-61 loss on Feb. 11 also left UVM frustrated. For the third time in a row, the Cats fell in the final moments to Albany.

"To lose another close one to them is frustrating for everyone," junior Mike Trimboli said.

The Cats struggled early on, but fought back to match Albany's score at the end of the half.

Both teams shot under 35 percent, making the half-time score a lowly 22-22.

The second half was back and forth, but in the end Albany was able to pull away.

With 1:16 left in the game,

sophomore Marqus Blakely scored to cut the Albany lead down to two.

Albany's Brian Lillis increased the Great Danes' lead by four after being fouled with 12.8 seconds left and Vermont rushed to get the ball back up the court.

Senior Kyle Cieplicki was then fouled attempting a 3-pointer.

Cieplicki made all three free throws, cutting the Albany lead down to one.

After a quick foul followed by two Albany free throws, freshman Joey Accaoui in-bounded the ball with 2.6 seconds left to Cieplicki, who attempted another 3-pointer, but missed as time ran out.

In all three games, UVM had the last possession and a chance to win or send the game into overtime.

They missed the last shot each game.

The team's losses, however, aren't because of lack of effort.

In Sunday's 71-70 OT loss to Stony Brook, Blakely recorded his eighth straight double-double.

Unfortunately, Blakely, with his seventh double-double, was one of only two Cats with double digits on Thurs-

day — Trimboli added 10.

The game came down to a forced shot by Trimboli, who was looking to dish the ball but ran out of time.

"Another time I just couldn't get it done," Trimboli said. "I just want to be as confident as I can be and get somebody else a look if I can."

With the loss, the team fell from second to fourth in the America East with a regular season record of 7-6.

"We continue to be inconsistent," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "We have to find some more strengths on the basketball team."

Lonergan will have to look to the bench to find those strengths, possibly giving Accaoui more time on the floor.

"Everyone is getting a little tired out," Trimboli said. "As a team we need to take some time, regroup and rest before the playoffs."

The team can't rest just yet. They still have three regular season games left to play, only one of which will be played at Patrick Gym.

UVM will host the second-place Hartford Hawks in what will be their last regular season home game on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief



### Late season surge?

Unlike Congress, I'm not going to concern myself with Roger Clemens or Brian McNamee this week — except on my blog, which, I'll admit, was a fun distraction during class on Wednesday.

Frankly, there are so many more worthwhile things to pay attention to than an aging ace who once seemed immortal, the legitimacy of which now exists in a cloud of doubt.

Funny things, those performance enhancers.

But no, I'm done with that. [See the Face Off this week for thoughts on the Rocket's appearance at the Congressional Dog and Pony show.]

For one, it was a great week for my adopted German soccer team, Hamburger SV, who are now sitting pretty to advance in the UEFA Cup and moved back into third in the Bundesliga standings with wins this week.

And then, a real reason to celebrate: UVM sweeping Merrimack this weekend, their first Friday-Saturday sweep of the season.

The homestand gave UVM four points in Hockey East, but those four points are the most recent bright spot in what's been UVM's best second semester since joining the league.

Since the start of the second semester — the series at home against Northeastern — the Catamounts have gone 6-2-2.

Considering how young the club was and played in the first half of the season, as well as the fact that they've never posted a late-season stretch like this during their time in Hockey East makes me think this is pretty incredible.

What I've seen in the last six home games is making me think that a lot of these young Cats have grown up and that the members of the old guard are stepping up their play too.

Joe Fallon's presence between the pipes has also been noticeable and markedly different than his play earlier in the season.

If things keep playing out like they have, a streaking UVM club could be looking for their first home ice game ever in the Hockey East playoffs — a huge step for the program and a crucial boost to hopes of making the conference final.

In what has been a weak season for the rest of the conference, this isn't out of the question. Not even a little.

Looking at the Hockey East standings you've got UNH safe at the top and looking like the conference's best team. Below that, however, it's a different story.

UVM sits tied for fifth with Boston University, but the gap between fifth place and second-place Boston College is a mere three points.

On the Cats' plate to finish the season are weekends against UMass-Lowell, Maine and the season-ending series at UNH. Lowell currently sits in seventh place and Maine in ninth, completely out of character for one of Hockey East's Big Four.

So right now, I'm not thinking about Clemens, not even a little. I'm thinking about the prospect of eight more Hockey East points and a six-game winning-streak going into Durham, N.H....

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## CATAMOUNTS GAMEDAY



VERMONT CATAMOUNTS

VS.



HARTFORD HAWKS

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Burlington, Vt.

Patrick Gymnasium

Radio: WCPV FM 102.1 (CHAMP)

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

### Results

#### Men's Hockey

Friday, Feb. 15

Win vs. Merrimack  
Merrimack: 0-1-0 -1  
UVM: 1-2-1 -4

Saturday, Feb. 16

Win vs. Merrimack  
Merrimack: 0-0-1 -1  
UVM: 1-1-0 -2

#### Men's Basketball

Monday, Feb. 11

Loss vs. Albany  
Albany: 22-42 - 64  
UVM: 22-39 - 61

Thursday, Feb. 14

Loss vs. BU  
BU: 33-26 - 59  
UVM: 29-29 - 58

Sunday, Feb. 17

OT Loss @ Stony Brook  
UVM: 36-25-9 - 70  
SB: 29-32-10 - 71

#### Women's Hockey

Saturday, Feb. 16

Loss @ UNH  
UVM: 0-0-0 - 0  
UNH: 3-0-4 - 7

Sunday, Feb. 17

Loss @ UNH

UNH: 0-0-0 - 0  
UVM: 0-0-0 - 0

#### Women's Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Win vs. Hartford  
Hartford: 29-37 - 66  
UVM: 24-45 - 69

Saturday, Feb. 16

Win vs. Albany  
UVM: 34-34-68  
Albany: 28-20-48

#### Skiing

Friday/Saturday

Middlebury Carnival  
Dartmouth 616.0  
Middlebury 607.0  
UNH 586.5  
UVM 562.5  
Williams 498.0  
Colby 478.5  
Bates 470.5  
St. Lawrence 313.0  
Harvard 187.0  
St. Michael's 135.0  
Bowdoin 130.0

#### Conference Standings

##### Hockey East Men's Hockey

UNH - (15-4-2)  
Overall - (19-7-2)  
Boston College - (10-5-6)  
Overall - (16-7-7)  
Northeastern - (11-8-2)  
Overall - (14-11-3)

Providence - (10-7-4)  
Overall - (13-11-4)

BU - (10-8-3)  
Overall - (12-14-4)  
Vermont - (9-7-5)  
Overall - (10-11-7)  
UMass Lowell - (8-9-4)  
Overall - (13-11-4)  
Massachusetts - (6-10-5)  
Overall - (11-11-6)  
Maine - (4-14-3)  
Overall - (8-17-3)  
Merrimack - (4-15-2)  
Overall - (10-15-3)

##### America East Men's Basketball

UMBC (10-2)  
Overall - (18-7)  
Hartford - (9-4)  
Overall - (15-13)  
Albany - (8-5)  
Overall - (13-12)  
Binghamton - (8-6)  
Overall - (12-14)  
Vermont - (7-6)  
Overall - (12-13)  
BU - (7-6)  
Overall - (10-15)  
UNH - (4-9)  
Overall - (7-18)  
Maine - (3-9)  
Overall - (7-18)  
Stony Brook - (2-11)  
Overall - (5-20)

##### Hockey East Women's Hockey

UNH - (16-0-1)

Overall - (26-3-1)  
Connecticut - (11-3-3)

Overall - (20-5-5)  
Providence - (10-5-2)  
Overall - (15-12-3)  
BU - (8-8-1)  
Overall - (12-15-3)  
Boston College - (7-8-2)  
Overall - (12-12-6)  
Northeastern - (5-11-1)  
Overall - (6-21-3)  
Maine - (3-11-3)  
Overall - (4-23-3)  
Vermont - (1-15-1)  
Overall - (5-24-1)

##### America East Women's Basketball

Hartford - (9-2)  
Overall - (19-5)  
Vermont - (8-3)  
Overall - (17-7)  
Albany - (7-4)  
Overall - (9-15)  
BU - (6-4)  
Overall - (13-10)  
Binghamton - (6-4)  
Overall - (8-15)  
UMBC - (4-7)  
Overall - (8-16)  
Maine - (4-7)  
Overall - (7-17)  
UNH - (3-7)  
Overall - (6-16)  
Stony Brook - (1-10)  
Overall - (6-18)

## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Good-ish Week for Richard Zednik

After seeing the horrific accident in which Zednik's carotid artery was slit by a skate and he lost a half gallon of blood on Feb. 10, many wondered whether he would ever fully recover.

However, Zednik defied all odds as he was released from the hospital late in the week and is reportedly speaking again with no trouble, which is good news for those close to Zednik and the entire NHL community.

### Good Week for John Rocker

The former Atlanta Braves reliever got his name back in the news this week by stating on an Atlanta talk radio show that Bud Selig knew he failed a steroid test in 2000 and still did nothing about it.

Whether or not these allegations are true, everyone knows that Rocker loves nothing more than national attention, so he must be happy with his accomplishment.

### Bad Week for Alfred Aboya

After having a basketball thrown off of his face by Washington guard Tim Morris Feb. 17, Aboya's UCLA Bruins suffered a loss to UW, their second of the year.

Making the matter worse for Aboya is the fact that Morris received no punishment for the dirty play, because it was deemed acceptable by NCAA rules.

### Good Week for the Boston Celtics

The Celts found out that maybe three isn't the magic number after all.

The team was missing Kevin Garnett when they traveled to Indiana last week, but that didn't stop Paul Pierce from scoring 28 points, pulling down 12 rebounds and guiding the 40-9 Boston team to a 104-97 victory.

### Bad Week for Chris Webber

Once one of the best players in the NBA, 35-year-old Webber sat out against the Phoenix Suns on Feb. 13 because he was "out of shape."

The former All-Star is averaging just 2.7 points and 3.3 rebounds in three games since joining the Warriors.

### Good Week for Steve Lowery

Ranked at 305 heading into Feb. 9, Lowery secured his first PGA title in eight years at Pebble Beach.

The beat up 47-year-old was able to edge out Vijay Singh in a playoff, giving Lowery his third win in 519 career PGA events.

### Bad Week for Jason Kidd

Kidd's bags were packed for Dallas earlier this week, when it was reported he would be traded to the Mavericks.

However, the trade was nixed after Devean George decided to exercise his no-trade clause — that's right, Devean George has a no-trade clause.

That noise you just heard was the collective sigh of relief from the Western Conference.

## Club Sports

Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer



### Ultimate Frisbee Club

Coming fresh off a tournament in Las Vegas, the men's ultimate frisbee club has high expectations for their spring season.

The team brought 14 people to Las Vegas, playing in eight games where they came in 39 out of 80 teams.

"At the tournament we started off a little slow and were at a disadvantage at first," co-captain Dan Brault said, "but we brought the team together and finished fairly well."

"It was a great experience," Brault said. "On the field we competed as one, and that's what Ultimate is all about."

Following their performance in Vegas, the team will take another trip down to Georgia during spring break to compete in a tournament, where they will be accompanied by the women's ultimate frisbee club.

"Top to bottom we have strong players and a strong foundation," co-captain Samuel Parker said. "And right now, we are playing at a high level."

Want to see your club sport featured in *The Cynic*?  
E-mail jahrens@uvm.edu

# Four-point weekend for Cats

## Men's hockey stays hot in weekend sweep of Merrimack

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

UVM continued its late season push towards the Hockey East playoffs this weekend as they won Friday and Saturday night's matchups with Hockey East rivals Merrimack.

The Catamounts dominated a series, which Merrimack never led, outscoring the Warriors 6-2.

Senior fourth-line forward Reese Wisnowski started the scoring for the Catamounts on Friday night, scoring his second goal of the season on a rebound from a shot by sophomore forward Jay Anctil.

UVM received a scare in the second period, as freshman forward Wahs Stacey was checked into the boards from behind by Merrimack defenseman Fraser Allan.

Allan was immediately ejected from the game and Stacey didn't return to Friday's matchup, but he did play on Saturday.

Following the incident, defenseman Pat Bowen evened the score for Merrimack on an assist from freshman forward Joe Cucci.

Two minutes later, however, UVM sophomore forward

Viktor Stalberg took control. Stalberg took an assist from fellow third-line sophomore forward Brian Roloff and slipped a wrister past Merrimack sophomore goalie Andrew Braithwaite for his first goal of the game.

Stalberg struck again with 1:24 left, when he took assists from sophomore forward Colin Vock and freshman forward Jack Downing for his seventh goal of the season.

"[Viktor had] two beautiful goals — he's got an unbelievable shot," head coach Kevin Sneddon said.

Junior forward Peter Lenos finished the scoring for the Cats in the third period on assists from Vock and junior forward Dean Strong.

Strong didn't take long to make an impact on Saturday night's game as well, scoring on an assist from Vock only 14 seconds into the game.

Stalberg widened the gap for Vermont with 44 seconds left in the second period when he just barely pushed the puck in the goal, leaving confusion in the air for a brief time until the referees confirmed that the puck crossed the line.

"I took it hard to the net and hoped for the best," Stalberg said. "I guess we got lucky."

Early in the third period, the Warriors capitalized on a 5-3 advantage with a power

play goal from Cucci, assisted by forward Rob Ricci and forward Chris Barton.

Gutterson Fieldhouse stirred with excitement as the game neared a close, with Merrimack emptying their net in hopes of eliminating their 2-1 deficit.

The Warriors came close, with a shot hitting the post in the final 20 seconds, but senior goalie Joe Fallon made a huge save, one of his 34 on the weekend.

"Joe was spectacular this weekend," Sneddon said.

As Saturday night's game came to a close, the Gutterson faithful perfectly summed up the Cats' series with their "four point weekend" chant.

With the two victories over Merrimack, UVM received four Hockey East points, placing them nine points behind conference leader UNH, three behind Boston College and one behind Northeastern and Providence.

As the Catamounts continued their surge towards the playoffs, Sneddon looked to his sophomore standout Stalberg for further energy and contribution.

"Viktor was our MVP on the weekend," Sneddon said. "[He] really distinguished himself as one of the better players in Hockey East this weekend."



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# FACE OFF

## LANCE MILLER VS. AUSTIN DANFORTH

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY



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Former trainer Brian McNamee has brought forth several pieces of alleged evidence, including needles, that he claims prove Roger Clemens used steroids.

If the allegations are true, how will this affect your perception of the Rocket?

**LM:** Well, I wouldn't be surprised if these allegations turned out to be true.

The "roid-rage" would certainly explain why Clemens inexplicably threw a shattered baseball bat at Mike Piazza in a game versus the Mets.

If it goes down that he was cheating, I will be truly disappointed (even though I hate Clemens) and he can join the greatest hitter of our time in the Hall of Shame.

His resume is certainly an impressive one, but one can't help but ask how many of those accolades were won without the use of performance enhancing drugs? Using steroids is a one-time strike in my book. Cooperstown is no place for cheaters.

**AD:** It's obvious: the allegations already downgrade Clemens in my book.

Putting aside my loathing of him for bolting from the Red Sox a decade ago, I was amazed at what he'd accomplished as he aged. Frankly, his post-Sox years have been more impressive than the last half of his tenure as the Red Sox' ace.

But now, that's all questionable, if not completely discounted. The effect of steroids on the game is just sad. Clemens is the newest big name player to become tainted with steroid rumors. If there isn't a positive test, it's all hearsay, and the result is an irreversible atmosphere of guilty-until-proven-innocent.

Richard Zednik fell victim to one of the nastiest injuries ever on Feb. 11 against the Sabres when his teammate's skate slashed his neck. Zednik had life-saving surgery and is reported as being in good condition.

Was this the worst injury you have ever seen in a sporting event?

**LM:** While this injury was one of the most horrific sports injuries I've ever seen, it is not the worst.

It's fair to say that linemen in football getting paralyzed is the worst type of injury that could ever happen to someone, but you can't really single out one incident from others.

The worst accident I have ever seen was in X Games 13 when skateboarder Jake Brown fell 40 feet from the air and landed on his back.

For the three minutes that the medical staff surrounded him, I thought he was paralyzed, but the worst thing that happened to him was he suffered broken ribs, ankles and just barely got back on a skateboard.

**AD:** I'll put it in my top three. Of the three it's the goriest, by far. It's hard to watch — it took three tries for me to get all the way through it.

Possibly my number one: Darryl Stingley getting hit by Jack Tatum (NFL: 1978). Tatum hit Stingley who was trying to catch a pass. Stingley's head was down, his spinal cord compressed. He was paralyzed. Enough said.

The other choice: Robin Ventura. Sliding into home during a 1997 pre-season game Ventura caught his cleat in the mud and suffered one of the most gruesome breaks I've ever seen. His foot stopped, he didn't.

Two blockbuster trades made last week will surely have an impact on the Western Conference playoffs.

Shaquille O'Neal was traded to the Suns for Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks, while the Lakers were able to acquire big man Pau Gasol from the Grizzlies.

Which team did a better job of improving for the stretch run?

**LM:** This is a no-brainer — not only did the Lakers improve themselves from being a bottom seed in the West to a top seed, they dumped the biggest flop in NBA history in Kwame Brown!

With a presence like Gasol, it gives the Lakers what they have been lacking all season long — presence in the paint.

Phoenix didn't make as big of an upgrade in acquiring Shaq because they were already good. The trade may hurt Phoenix in the sense that who knows when Shaq will be ready to play and how well he will be able to perform? He's no longer the big Diesel — he's like a Hybrid SUV.

**AD:** The Lakers are better off by far. They gave up almost nothing and got a damn good big man in return. The Suns are a better team and traded away one of their best players in Marion for an aging and an injured Shaq.

The Lakers have already gotten great production from Gasol, who allowed them to unload Kwame Brown, the worst number-one pick ever.

The Suns might turn out better but only if Shaq becomes healthy and sheds his signs of aging. The inside tandem of Shaq and Amare Stoudemire could be lethal, but those prospects are doubtful.

### THE SCORE

DOES ANYONE LIKE LANCE I  
CLEMENS? AUSTIN O  
BUELLER? BUELLER?

### THE SCORE

WHAT ABOUT WHEN LANCE I  
NOLAN RYAN KICKED AUSTIN I  
VENTURA'S ASS?

### THE SCORE

NO POINTS AWARDED. LANCE I  
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# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

*New York vs. New England*

## THE FANS

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### BURLINGTON: A CITY DIVIDED

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On the northern fringes of New England, Burlington is a city divided. The sides have long been drawn with the division becoming ever more distinct with every passing sports season.

For many residents, the question on their minds is "Boston or New York?" when pledging sports allegiance. But many students fall unwillingly into the gray area between these two factions. This has boiled over into the very fabric that makes up Burlington and UVM's academic and social

**2007 saw the Boston Red Sox win their second Championship since 2004, the Patriots assembling one of the greatest football teams ever and the resurgence of the Celtics, leading many to believe in a "Boston Renaissance."**

community.

ESPN has called the "Boston/New York sports rivalry," one of the greatest in all of American sports and with the title comes a long and illustrious history between the sports teams and the two cities in which they call home.

Everyday life in the Northeast, the geographical region whose largest cities are subsequently Boston and New York, is constantly permeated by this athletic tug-of-war. After decades of New York seemingly

plauded this fanaticism by saying, "There's a general feeling that they're passionate fans" only to add "they take it beyond what it should be." While Dumas is an avid New York fan, there is a sense of what student and Brooklyn resident Isaiah Benedek calls "Team Racism."

The rivalry physically erupted on the night of Oct. 20, 2004 with riots sweeping across the UVM campus. As the crowds grew, the fires burned brighter. Campus looked more like a combat zone and less like an educational institution. Owen Beck, a senior who witnessed the riots, considers the incident to be "the culminating moment in the Boston/New York sports rivalry on campus."

This rare event has become the high-water mark in this heated exchange between the two cities sporting communities and how it plays out in campus life.

After the dust had settled, the clean up and replacement of damaged property on campus came to \$18,000, Mary Dewey, Director of the Department of Risk Management, said.

Police Chief Gary Margolis, a 10 year veteran of the UVM Police Force, said that this incident was the first of its kind at the University. The events, according to Uni-

versity Public Safety, have been labeled as "Celebratory Riots" which, by definition, are "people celebrating the win or loss of a team, and they move into a mob mentality where they lose track of their decision making," Margolis said.

This was all over a game. The Red Sox ended an 18 year World Series appearance drought by defeating the New York team that was ahead by three games in the A.L. Championship Game. It was this moment of jubilation that sparked the destructive nature of the large crowds that gathered on Redstone Campus.

Boston subsequently went on to win the World Series and ending an 86 year period of waiting for many fans. The importance of this victory for Boston sports can be seen in the faded t-shirts celebrating the 2004 playoffs still worn by students.

Nightlife in Burlington has also been affected. Jeff Amato, a bartender at What Ales You and student at St. Michael's College, was working the night of the Super

Bowl. While he did speculate that a majority of patrons that night were Giants fans, he noted that "had the Patriots won, we would have done a lot more business."

With the opening of baseball spring training this past week, yet another season will soon begin for people of Burlington and UVM students as they will be thrust back into this familiar bout pitting Boston and New York against each other. Whether involuntary or not, they are forced to live in the midst of a heated rivalry while its side effects penetrate various aspects of daily life. While the ghosts of the past may still haunt the minds of many sports fans, it is important to look to the present to continue this heated and historic rivalry.



Photo courtesy of UVM Police

UVM students rioting on Redstone campus after the 2004 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. This was the first World Series victory for Boston in 86 years. Damage to various on campus locations came to over \$18,000.

having the upper hand, recent years have shown the reemergence of Boston sports and a leveling of the playing field.

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**est football teams ever and the resurgence of the Celtics, leading many to believe in a "Boston Renaissance," tipping the scales in Boston's favor. But the Giants' upset over the Patriots in this most recent Super Bowl once again stoked the coals of the Boston/New York rivalry.**

But why has this rivalry resonated so profoundly at UVM, spilling outside of just watching the games? Charlie Trinkle, a freshman from Philadelphia noted that it was not uncommon to attend a house party and hear some Boston fan start a "Yankees suck" cheer only to have it erupted into a chorus.

It is a familiar remark to hear non-Boston fans talk about how vocal supporters of Boston teams are. Senior Austin Dumas ap-

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**Four time Stanley Cup champions**



**One time Super Bowl champions**



**Three time Super Bowl champions**



**Two time NBA champions**

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## NEW ENGLAND



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**Three time Super Bowl champions**



**16 time NBA champions**

## [SPEC]TACLE



Spencer Williams, India Gaut-Thorton, Steve Crowley, Max McGonaghy, Craig Nally and Justin Jowett competed against each other Thursday in the first annual Wow Wingery Hot Wing Eating Contest.

All of the contestants were confident, perhaps overly confident, that they would earn the prestigious title of Hot Wing Eating Champion. Freshman Steve Crowley was the first to go when the wings he had eaten decided to take one last flight into a trash can!

In the end, Spencer Williams and India Gaut-Thorton successfully completed Level 5. After an hour of competition, Spencer and India went into overtime!

They each had to down a shot of minced Habanero Chili Peppers.

It looked like their was going to be a tie. Then, at the last moment the Habanero proved too much for India and Spencer Williams became the first ever Wow Wingery Hot Wing Eating Champion!

RED  
HOT!

BY RYAN HAYWARD





# critical thinking

## Radiohead continues to stick it to the man



**Amplive**  
Rainydayz Remixes  
(self released)

★★★★

Oakland DJ and producer Amplive sent ripples through the blogosphere in 2007 when he announced that he was releasing a remix album of the already infamous and critically lauded Radiohead release "In Rainbows."

The legacy of "In Rainbows," which was released without a record label as a digital download, in which fans could name their own price, continues to defy the boundaries of traditional record label politics.

Originally thought to

never see the light of day due to a missive from Warner/Chappell that was issued on Dec. 18, the remixes are now available

**For fans of:**  
Radiohead  
ZION-I

for free download via Amplive's MySpace page.

Composed entirely of source material from the original "In Rainbows" release, the product is eight tracks of re-envisioned ambience with contributions from Top Short, MC Zumbi of Zion I, Chali 2na of Jurassic 5, Codany Holiday

and Del The Funky Homosapien.

"Rainydayz Remixes" is beyond novel, it's captivating. Take "Nudez" which samples the track "Nude" and Thom Yorke's classic weird, tortured crooning to provide a back drop for Bay Area legend Too Short to drop rhymes and warnings about keeping one's cool in order to come up in the hustling game.

It's these unlikely combinations, flowing together seamlessly, that make Amplive's work just as original as the composition from which he samples.

## Wondering what Stringer Bell would make of this



**Beach House**  
Devotion  
(Carpark Records)

★★★★★

Beach House, a duo from Baltimore on the Carpark label, home to mostly electronic artists (though this band could hardly be more analogue), have managed to circumvent the sophomore slump, crafting an album that is just as lovely as their first.

Few contemporary indie bands have a sound as singular as Beach House; the second one of their tracks comes on you know exactly who it is. Their music cre-

ates an environment where one can easily get lost in the bittersweet melodies.

**For fans of:**  
Galaxie 500  
Mazzy Star

Americana's ghosts can be heard dancing in the spaces between the slide guitar and organ quiver.

Victoria Legrand's voice is breathy and delicate. It floats throughout the simple, dreamy song structures like dandelions in the wind.

One of the many draw-

ing points to Beach House's music is the imperfection of their sound. They, in proper lo-fi fashion, do not use advanced recording techniques and overdubs.

On their first record one could hear the band miss cues and lose time. On "Devotion" they have tightened their playing, but maintain their down-to-earth, uncomplicated structures. Which should not discredit them — the beauty lies in simplicity.

They are slated to play The Monkey House in Burlington on March 30.

## New record by maturing indie-electronic artist



**Goldfrapp**  
Seventh Tree  
(Mute U.S.)

★★★★

Finally out with their funky fifth album, "Seventh Tree," Goldfrapp, the British electronic dance artist originally from London, is back in the music scene.

Whereas her past albums were dance-driven, this album is more on the mellow side. She took a different approach with this album after being inspired by an acoustic performance the band gave for a radio station.

The tracks include soft and more ambient tones, although still on the electronic side.

**For fans of:**  
Dido  
Tricky

Goldfrapp's previous albums all took very different approaches as they played with different styles and sounds, however 'keeping it real' in the electronic dance genre.

While Alison Goldfrapp

and her group took a commercial downfall when their second album was released, it seems with their change in sounds that the album will get Goldfrapp back on the charts.

"Seventh Tree" features the newly released hit single, "A&E," an upbeat and mellow tune with the sound of a dance hit, but on the calmer side.

Overall, "Seventh Tree" is for fans of electronic music, with a softer tone, much quieter and warmer than their previous hits.

## Music for gothic arsonists



**September's Shadow**  
Hobson's Journey  
(Zbokth Productions)

★

All right. All right. This has to be one of the worst albums we here at the Cynic have ever reviewed or listened to. It's been a slow week, get off our backs!

Ever wonder why it is that you end up watching like eight episodes of "Cops" when you come across it, clicking through the channels, or why you can't take your eyes off someone about to eat it on an icy sidewalk?

It has something to do with a propensity for disaster, for our desire to see just how bad it can get.

"Hobson's Journey," the new album by September's Shadow, is the musical version of this notion, why

**For fans of:**  
Depeche Mode  
Bauhaus

we like to watch videos of car crashes over and over again.

It's goth synth-heavy pop, like stuff by the Depeche Mode, etc. All the songs run together and listens like sound-editing a "Star Wars" spin-off movie guest directed by David Bowie, (which I could actually see being successful,

but you get the point.)

It's like listening to a whole compendium of b-sides by Flock of Seagulls, or one of those infomercials where they try to get you to buy the best sounds of whatever decade that "aren't sold in stores."

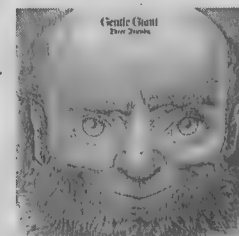
You know those commercials. You spent hours watching them in between episodes of "Mash" and "I Love Lucy" when you were faking sick to stay home from school. Shame on you.

A lot of people are speculating on the cause of the L/L fires this past weekend; this album is my prime suspect. Who knew that horrible music could start fires?

## Diggin' in the crates

The B-Side raided WRUV's impenetrable music vaults and yanked some classic records. Y'all never been in the know like this before. This is the real deal and you — dear readers — need only reap the benefits.

David Cockinos, one of WRUV's DJs who specializes in jazz fusion and blues rock, gives you guys the scoop on some of WRUV's essential jazz-fusion recordings. You can hear his show every Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m.



**Gentle Giant**  
Three Friends  
(Sony)

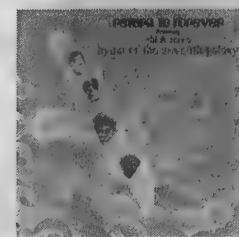
This 1972 release was the last to feature all three Shulman brothers.

This is an album about three childhood friends and the progression of their lives. Another gem from these progsters from Britain.



**Tony Williams Lifetime**  
Believe It  
(Columbia Europe)

After his time with Miles Davis, Mr. Williams formed The Lifetime. This 1975 album includes virtuoso Allan Holdsworth on guitar, and Tony Williams is a monster on the drums.



**Return to Forever with Chick Corea**  
Hymn of the Seventh Galaxy  
(Polygram Records)

Recorded in 1973, this is when RTF began to hit their peak and record their classic mid-1970's fusion. The changes are fast and the musicianship is top shelf.



**The Eleventh House**  
Level One  
(Arista)

Larry Coryell and friends take no prisoners on this forgotten 1975 gem. This album is pure mayhem. The tempos are furious and the musical changes endless. Alphonse Mounzon's drumming is wonderful.



**The Dixie Dregs**  
Dregs of the Earth  
(Generic)

Released in 1980, Guitarist Steve Morse and the Dregs are at the pinnacle of their powers. With the fantastic rhythm section of Andy West's bass and Rod Morgenstein's drums, they sound like no other band on or in the Earth.

# IN THE STUDIO with

The Sepia Tones are taking the Burlington community by storm with a month-long residency at Nectar's

## The Sepia Tones



(Photos by Bobby Bruderle/ Vermont Cynic)

The Sepia Tones overlooking Redstone Campus from the "Flying Diaper." This UVM band blends funk with jazz and blues leanings.

By BRENDAN FILKINS  
Cynic Correspondent

The artistic connotation of the term "sepia tone" has finally transcended photographs and anthropomorphized into five UVM musicians.

The Sepia Tones, a young UVM band, boasts a sound featuring everything from jazzy saxophone solos, funky slap bass, classic rock keys, blues guitar and a drummer without a leash.

Members list a handful of varying influences on their Web site including James Taylor, The Beatles, Galactic, Herbie Hancock, Pat Metheny, The Meters and Miles Davis.

The band's lineup includes

vocals by the Lopez-Barrantes brothers: Samuel, also on the keys, and Aaron, also on guitar. Brendan Dempsey plays the saxophone and the rhythm is supplied by McCrae Hathaway's bass and leashless drummer Brian Reid.

According to Reid, The Sepia Tones was born in the fall semester of 2007 when Lopez-Barrantes brothers and Reid got the opportunity to rehearse in the Wing-Davis-Wilks music room. "We had a chance to get together and jam and it sounded good," said Reid.

Soon after playing, they were "interrupted" by Hathaway, described by Lopez-Barrantes as "this random freshman waving at us through the

window."

Hathaway said he knew Dempsey and the next thing they knew they were brainstorming names for the gang.

After some Macintosh home studio recording and a little help from MySpace, people started noticing them. Aaron Lopez-Barrantes joked, "Garage Band got us our first gig."

Their early gigs included shows at local and statewide venues including Nectar's, Radio Bean, The Skinny Pancake, Middlebury College and University Heights, said Reid in a jam session last Thursday

night.

The band currently plays Nectar's every Monday in February, opening up for the Mo Funk Orchestra.

Their sets are "about half and half for covers and originals," according to twin brothers Aaron and Samuel Lopez-Barrantes, who celebrated their birthday at the show last Monday, Feb. 11.

Nectar's crowd was not let down last Monday. UVM student Kelsey Aroian said, "The sax equals sex!" following an improv solo by Dempsey.

UVM student Hank Black joked that even though they are first and second year students, "they play at an upper classman level."

The long-term future of the band is unclear because of possible semesters abroad, but Reid modestly comments that they are just taking things "one semester at a time."

The short-term future includes Mondays at Nectar's and stepping up to a slightly larger venue at Higher Ground on Friday, Feb. 22, but they are "definitely down to play local parties," said Reid.



(Rachel Whelan/ Vermont Cynic)

Richard Hutchinson and Adam Gould sharing a passionate stage kiss during a rehearsal of "Compleat Female Stage Beauty."

## New play to be the "Compleat" package

By SARAH ANDERS  
Senior Staff Writer

"Compleat Female Stage Beauty," the play by Jeffrey Hatcher, opens at the Flynn Theatre on Feb. 20.

It is a scintillating tale of gender and theater that "takes place in 1661 during the Restoration when King Charles II declared that women could act on the stage and men were no longer permitted to play female characters," explained director Sarah Carleton.

According to UVM Theatre's Patron Web site, [www.uvmtheatre.org](http://www.uvmtheatre.org), the tale revolves around Ned Kynaston, an actor who thrives playing females onstage.

After the decree is passed, however, he finds his fame dwindling, while his female ex-assistant scores all the plum female roles.

Hatcher adapted the play for film in 2004 to mixed reviews. A.O. Scott of *The New York Times* noted that the drama "is propelled by a complex and fascinating set of ideas about sexual identity and theatrical performance," but that the sexual politics could also be "torturous."

"Compleat Female Stage Beauty" marks the final pro-

duction in the UVM Theatre Department's season, and promises to be a great success.

"Audiences will love the characters. Visual elements are stunning. Costumes, set, lights, sound ... glorious!" said director Sarah Carleton.

Tickets are available through the patron Web site, [www.uvmtheatre.org](http://www.uvmtheatre.org). You may want to check it out, as it "contains mature material that may not be suited for younger audiences," according to the site. Now that's a grand finale.



(Rachel Whelan/ Vermont Cynic)

From left: Adam Gould, Jess Hodge and Rachel Bruce in costume rehearsing for UVM's final play of the season.

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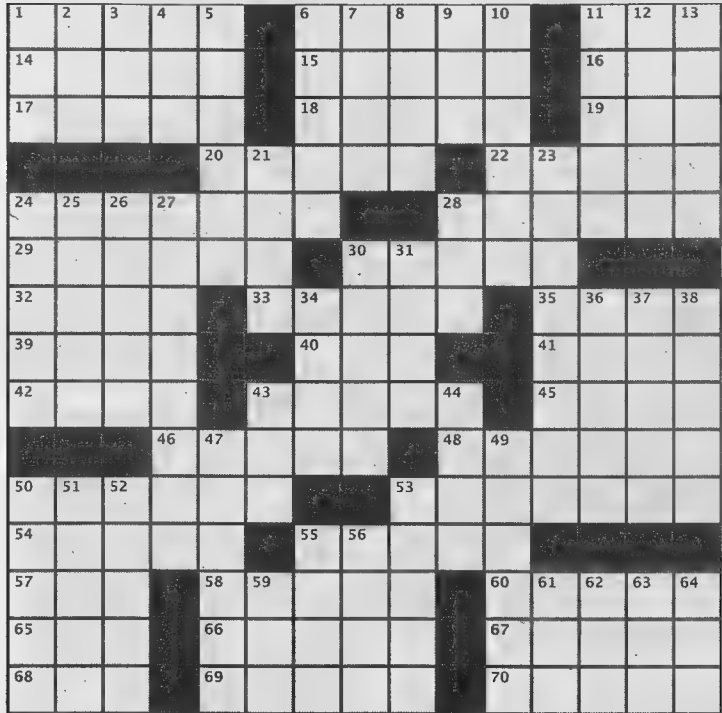
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PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1- Shifts
- 6- Consecrate
- 11- Sever
- 14- Negatively charged particle
- 15- Lofty nest
- 16- Tree used to make baseball bats
- 17- Rigid
- 18- Growl angrily
- 19- 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 20- Prepares for publication or release
- 22- Enthusiastic
- 24- Pertaining to the shoulder
- 28- Innate
- 29- Mingling with
- 30- Mum's mate
- 32- Kind of cod
- 33- Ages
- 35- Snakes
- 39- Ornamental fabric
- 40- Furrow
- 41- Arab sailing vessel
- 42- Slant
- 43- Shoelace tip
- 45- River in central Switzerland
- 46- Fool
- 48- Having hands
- 50- Tendentious
- 53- The Falcon
- 54- Peaks of Peru
- 55- Small yeast-raised pancake
- 57- Partially opened flower
- 58- Lucid
- 60- Convocation of witches
- 65- Before

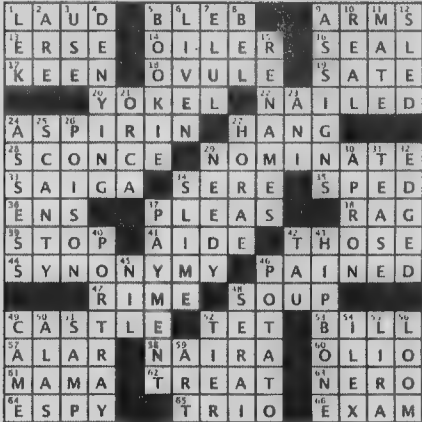
- 66- Way to cook
- 67- Snare
- 68- Roulette bet
- 69- Early life
- 70- Reptile

DOWN

- 1- Floor covering
- 2- Washington bill
- 3- Bordeaux, e.g.
- 4- Greek goddess of the dawn
- 5- Scoffs
- 6- Aromatic herb
- 7- Pre-Easter season
- 8- Ages
- 9- McCartney title
- 10- Greek goddess of the moon
- 11- Freight
- 12- Doorkeeper
- 13- Sharp-pointed plant outgrowth
- 21- Group of individual facts
- 23- Abrasive
- 24- Assembly rooms
- 25- Eskimo boat
- 26- Chop into small pieces
- 27- Sideways
- 28- T.G.I.F. part
- 30- Young fowl
- 31- Get in a hand
- 34- Therefore
- 36- Willow provision
- 37- Skin openings
- 38- Celsius, for one
- 43- Help, resource

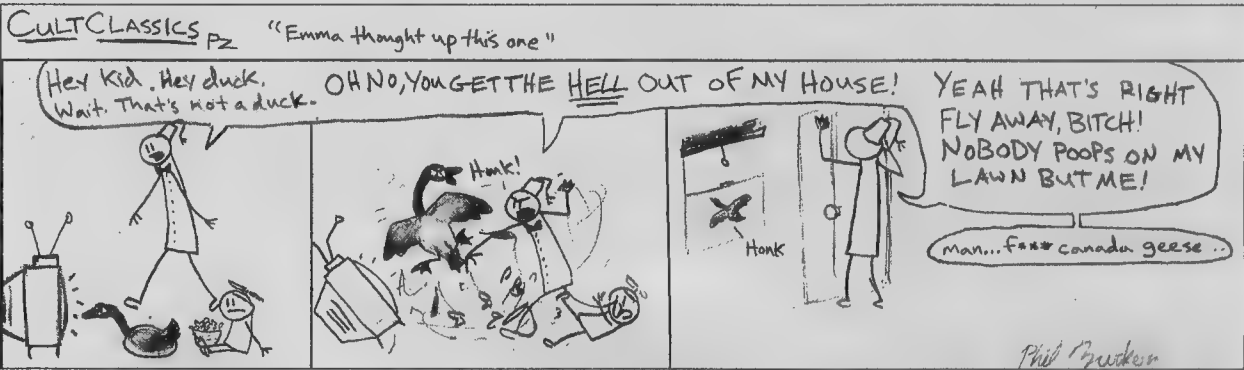
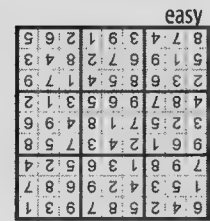
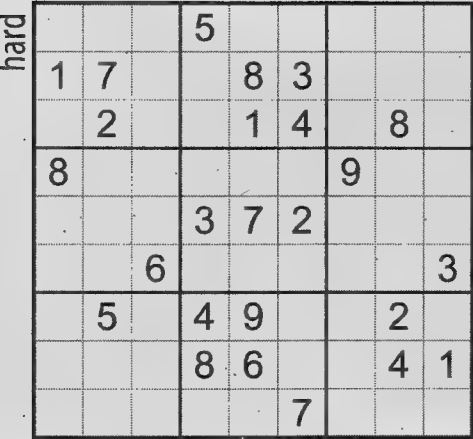
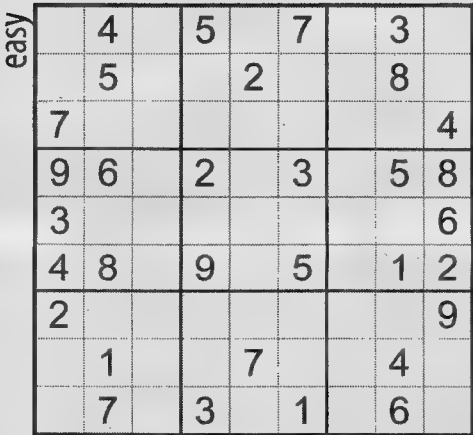
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- 47- Discover
- 49- Foreigners
- 50- Founder of the Mogul Empire
- 51- Accustom
- 52- Summed
- 53- Jollity
- 55- Sweetheart
- 56- Ultimate
- 59- John in England
- 61- Male child
- 62- Fur scarf
- 63- Charge
- 64- Driving peg

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## Kitchen Cuisine

### Cat Food Casserole

Cheap Cuisine with Hayley Johnston

This nifty, odd-sounding dish can be quickly concocted on a lazy, and also cold, winter night. Don't worry about the name. It originated with my family and certainly does not reflect the taste of this dish, a perfectly unique comfort food.

#### Ingredients:

- One and one half pounds of ground beef
- One can cream of mushroom soup
- One medium sized bag of tater tots

First lay out the pound of ground beef in a casserole dish that is 9 x 13 inches. The beef should be a little over an inch thick.

Next pour the entire can of cream of mushroom soup over the beef. Spread the soup so that it covers the edges of the meat. This ensures that the meat will not dry out during its time in the oven.

Then open the bag of tater tots, and place them in rows, long ways, down the casserole dish on top of the cream of mushroom soup. There is no need to press the tots into the soup.

Finally, place the casserole into the oven at 350 degrees, and let it cook for about one hour. The time may vary with ovens, so begin to check the casserole after about 45 minutes.

The tater tots should be crispy and golden and the meat should not look extremely pink when cut into with a knife.

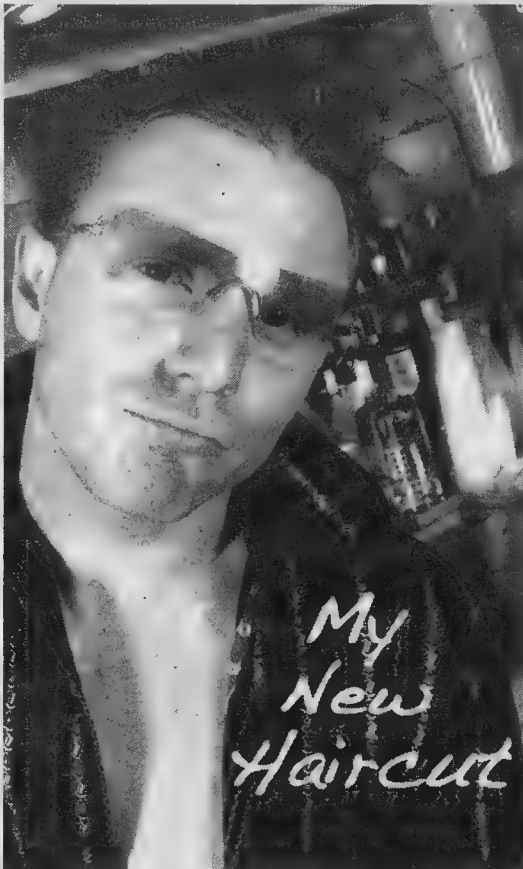
To all brave cooking souls, good luck!

# A new haircut brings fame

The Cynic interviewed Brett Tietjen, the YouTube star of My New Haircut, to talk about touring, the skit and his newfound YouTube fame

Interview by LAURA PEDRO

Senior Staff Writer



(photo courtesy of The Academy Agency)  
Brett Tietjen in costume as seen in his YouTube video "My New Haircut." The 27 year-old, currently on tour in Virginia, is learning what life is like as a YouTube star.

Vermont Cynic: So where did you get the inspiration to make the "My New Haircut" video.

Brett Tietjen: I was just finishing getting my masters degree [in film production] and we were doing a lot of comedy sketches and producing short films. And growing up in Long Island you find characters like that that at the gym or the club that are easy to make fun of.

VC: Why do you think the video became so big? Did you advertise it?

BT: I was just writing some [videos] and this was one of the first ones. We filmed it in June; it took like two days to shoot and a couple of days to edit. I put it on YouTube and emailed it to my friends who I thought would find it funny. That's it.

VC: So, do you consider yourself famous because the video has been viewed over 10 million times?

BT: It's kind of weird. I'm touring right now to make money and when I'm not touring I'm working on producing a full feature film and working on a reality show. But I'm kind of over it, the video, but touring pays the bills.

VC: Do you get recognized a lot now?

BT: Not usually unless I'm promoting it. I don't dress like that and I have blond hair.

VC: I saw a bunch of people at UVM dressed up like you on Halloween, how does that make you feel?

BT: It's crazy. You don't think about it on a daily basis then you go online and see all these remixes. Actually tomorrow we're heading up to Duke to meet the guys from the Asian remake.

VC: So you are OK with the remakes?

BT: Yeah, I love it.

VC: You're on the road right now, what does that entail?

BT: Bars contact us and then I just go and get my get-up on. Sometimes I do a live performance, and we do contests like Heineken or muscle milk chugging contests. We also give out t-shirts, and some Jager bomb girls are usually with us. I try to be really interactive. People tell me the "Real World" cast comes and just sits there.

VC: So, who is we, do you have an en-

tourage?

BT: [laughs] It's between three and four people with me. My partner [in L2X productions] who edited the video, he comes to the bars and films. My manager is there and my buddy Chuck also dresses up and works out the merchandise booth.

VC: Right now you're in Virginia, is your material still relatable down south?

BT: Well I got an email from a girl in Wisconsin that told me she had a 'Bro-ski' party and I was like what? you don't even have them out there. But the character is relatable; everyone grew up with a guy like that, a tough guy. And I think people are fascinated by the character.

VC: YouTube is free, but how much money have you made from touring and selling merchandise.

BT: [laughs] Not that much. Enough to live on. Bars vary but since it got bigger and we got the word out, we've done a lot of live shows.

VC: So where do you see yourself in 10 years?

BT: Hopefully the touring doesn't go on much longer, maybe continue into March and spring break. It takes a toll on you...everyone wants to have a drink with you. It's scary too, some of the fans are way too into it and I'm just a normal guy.

For our company L2X productions, we hope to get a movie deal. We're pitching a reality show that's like "Making the Band," but for the movie.

VC: What's one thing people wouldn't know about you?

BT: It's not really me, it's a character. Guidos come up to me and say, "You're the man!" and I'm like "Really?" But I mean we can bash them or make them look like heroes. Those guys whose picture we show in the video are like heroes now. So it's a win-win.

VC: Finally, what do you order at the bar?

BT: I'd probably get Stella on tap or a Budlight bottle.

More about Brett and his videos can be found on his Web site: <http://www.l2x-productions.com>.

## Winning the heated race against global warming

Students engineer new hybrid racing car to win upcoming competition

By SARAH ANDERS

Senior Staff Writer

The UVM Alternative Energy Racing Organization (AERO) will be in New Hampshire on May 5, and it won't be for the duty-free alcohol.

This group of engineering students has been working for the past year to perfect an energy-efficient racecar for entry in the Formula-Hybrid International Competition in Loudon, NH, according to [www.formula-hybrid.org](http://www.formula-hybrid.org).

"Since Nov. 17th, 2006, our goal has been to build a kick-ass race-car that combines speed and efficiency, and not only excites, but inspires," said sophomore Brian Leach, Vice-Chairperson and mechanical head of the organization.

The idea for AERO originated when UVM professor and primary advisor, Jeff Frolik, began receiving mailings from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) pertaining to the race, which the IEEE sponsors. According to Frolik, enthusiasm for the project quickly spread among the students.

"It was pretty much a joint effort," stated Frolik, of the formation of the club.

In conjunction with the rules listed on the race's Web site, the car must be a gas-electric hybrid. Hybrid cars unite

gasoline engines with electric motors, increasing fuel efficiency, according to [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov).

AERO intends to capitalize on the inherent strengths of hybrid vehicles. Last year, a group went to watch the International Formula-Hybrid race, and noticed that, "none of [the entries] took advantage of what hybrids are good at, which is recovering energy from braking," said Frolik.

With that in mind, their design philosophy centers on regenerative braking, a method of stopping that converts the slowing of the wheels into battery power.

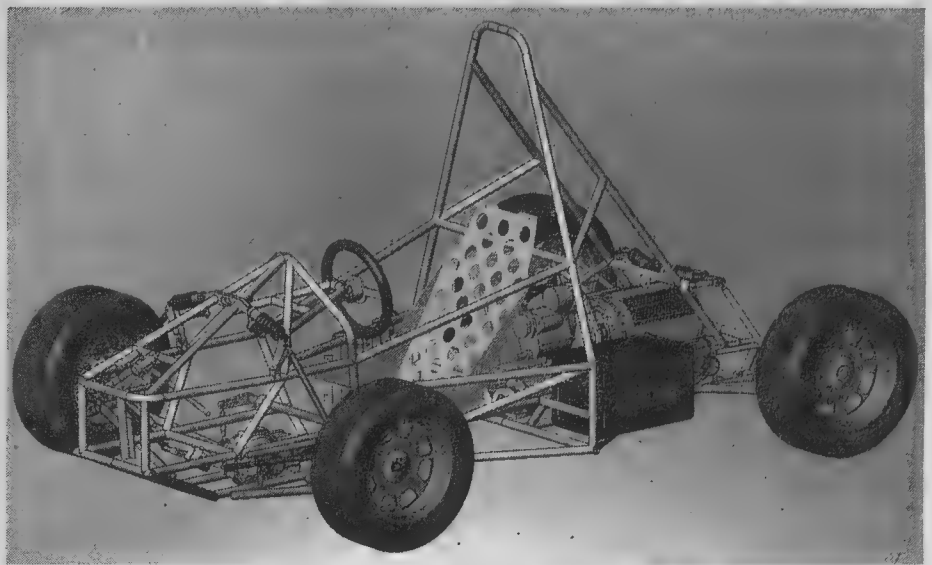
From their headquarters in Votey, they are in the process of converting their ideas into reality—a car roughly the size of a golf-cart, Leach said.

The end product will cost about \$30,000, claimed Frolik. Due to complications with their charter, AERO was unable to obtain many SGA funds last year, Frolik said.

"It made the students step up and say, 'We need to do this,' to organize and to contact businesses...things they wouldn't have done if someone had handed them a blank check," he said.

Still, AERO has not reached their fundraising goals. "We're about \$5,000 to \$7,000 short of what we need this year," said Frolik.

For next year, however, SGA has agreed to grant AERO \$13,000, said Frolik, a huge increase that will ease their burden in 2009.



Environmental idealism is the underlying force behind AERO.

"It is my hope, and the shared hope of my teammates, that our actions will lead by example and promote a forward way of thinking when it comes to energy consumption," said Leach.

"If I told you that I have spent every day for the last year and three months working toward this cause, would it make you feel that much more okay with driving a small car?"

Co-Advisor, Professor Paul Hines, believes that the racing format is an effective one to produce change. "Projects like the International Formula-Hybrid competition harness human competitive energy for innovation," he said.

Despite their lofty ethics, AERO still has one main goal: "We're there to win," said Frolik. "There's lots of work between now and then, but this car will be ready."



(photos courtesy of Brian Leach)

(Above) The .CAD Model of GEN-1-L Green Speed. (Below) Brian Leach working on the car.



## The culture

# behind the board

### A look at what's truly behind the "shredder" culture

By BRENDEN FILKINS  
Cynic Correspondent

The snowboarding culture at UVM is evolving, and if you're not on (a) board, you could be left in the powder.

The University of Vermont, surrounded by the likes of Stowe, Jay Peak, Bolton Valley and Smugglers Notch, provides substantial attraction for college students looking to get their shred on. Eamonn Kress said, snowboarder and UVM student.

The Snowboard Team boasts more than 90 members and a full time coach according to <http://www.UVMST.com>.

The Ski and Snowboard Club is the "the biggest paid membership club on campus with about 1,500 kids" said their graphic and Web designer Ross Travis, who also holds down a spot on the team's roster.

These students not only venture to the mountain frequently, but also bring much of their culture back to campus.

Many structural features across campus have even made their way into large scale professional productions, such as ROME's new shred flick "Any Means."

Facebook.com has a network group keeping snowboarders (a.k.a. shredders) informed about the "Mercy Mountain Lab" on Trinity



campus, a snow playground of sorts built by students.

But some of the more prominent influences snowboarding has on campus can be seen in students' attire.

"Outrageousness" is the word Axle Heimer, team rider and Marketing Director, used to summarize the look.

Heimer, with the general agreement of the team, joked that "snowboarding is 90 percent fashion and 10 percent skill."

This could explain some of the "poppy colors, tight pants, large t-shirts and hat sag" seen on campus daily or why it is becoming more popular to dress like "a lampshade" said Heimer.

The emergence of tight

pants, replacing the 1990s baggy boxer sag, began "about two years ago" said Heimer, "and they are getting tighter everyday"

His advice for those seeking style includes the avoidance of "turtle fur and pants that don't touch the ground."

The poppy colors and outrageousness have manifested into a similar spontaneous demeanor among shredders.

This includes language like "gnar gnar" which UVM student Liz Mazer says she hears frequently on campus.

According to the <http://www.urbandictionary.com> the term refers to the "The deepest of the deep and the powest of the pow pow" and is derived from the slang

"gnarly."

However, the culture isn't purely about the fashion and language, it's about the attitude.

Heimer said that a shredder will "party all night, snowboard all day, miss half their classes and their sisters wedding to follow the powder and still do better than most students"

Team shredder and lifetime local Collin Kolisko summarizes UVM's snowboarders as "by nature some of the happiest, nicest people you will ever know or meet."

However, he also notes, that "with a foot of fresh, all bets are off," concluding his summary with words to live by, "802 represent!"



(all photos Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

(Left) Eddie Davis and Celia Johnson kid around in the snow. They started dating after they met through the Snowboarding Team. Both won gold medals in a recent snowboarding competition.

(Above) Axel Heimer shows off his snowboard attire.

(Below from left) Collin Kolisko, Celia Johnson, Mike Kelley, Axel Heimer, and Eddie Davis on the swings down by the waterfront. Each is a member of the Ski and Snowboard Club.

## Lou's News:

A Not News Report by Louis Armistead

### Canadian History Class Helps Lower Summer U Interest

While SGA has been doing its part to lower tuition for summer classes, the Canadian history class is helping to make students lose interest in signing up.

"While we thank our fine professors of Canadian history for their time and effort, we are aware that their presence is not generating any student enrollment," one SGA representative said.

This class has reports of being so uninteresting and uneventful, that students are actually just steering clear of the whole Summer U program all together.

"Why won't anyone give Canadian history a chance?" said one professor. "Your neighbor to the north has rich and vital history from the vibrant culture of Quebec to the great hills and valleys of Ottawa! Did you know that Canada speaks two different languages?"

Even with these stunning facts, the Canadian history class is unable to generate any enrollment.

This brings up further issues of Canadian history's role in the university all together.

"What are they even doing here?" one American history professor said. "No wars. No slavery. No anything! Just stand back. Some of us have important history to teach."

While the Canadian history professor has pointed out that they actually did have troops active in combat during World War II, he has been told to "suck it" by the American history department until he can find a student who actually wants to take his class.

"I was thinking about taking a class this summer," one student said, "but if the school is just offering bland, lifeless history like that of Canada, I suppose I'll just go home and work at my Dad's office instead."

There has been some speculation among the student body over why it is that no one has even thought about taking this class, let alone enter the field of study.

"I don't care how low SGA gets the cost of summer classes. Studying the history of Canada is like watching mud dry. I'd rather just get a summer job removing asbestos," one student mentioned.

With summer enrollment not looking good for 2008, the University of Vermont has pointed fingers at Canada

"Unfortunately, our professors of Canadian history have tenure," one UVM administrator said. "So we're just going to have to wait this one out."

While being outraged of the staggering ignorance and blatant discrimination pervading our campus of the nation of Canada, the professor has politely conceded that everyone has the right to their own opinion.

Those who would like discuss Canada further can meet him in his office. He gets lonely.







Emma Noakes, '11



Asnett Rosario, '08



Matt Greene, '10



Caitie Hicks, '11

**Who are you voting for?**

I don't know yet. Probably Obama.

Obama.

I won't tell you that. It's confidential.

Obama.

**Who would you vote for that isn't running?**

Anthony Kiedis from Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Someone with compassion like Mother Theresa.

Wyclef Jean.

Guster.

**Favorite kind of sled?**

Mad River Rocket.

I don't sled.

Trash can lid.

The office chair snowboard sled from the OC.

**Who was the L/L arsonist? You?**

It was Giacomo.

I don't like to tell but I also like to set fires.

It was Paolo Pucci.

Yes.

CYNICAL INQUISITION

Cynical Inquisitor: Josh Lee

# This Week → 2.19 - 2.25

**tue**

PALS STUDENT  
PANEL DISCUSSION  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

LANDSCAPES OF  
TIWANAKU, BOLIVIA  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SA CONCERTS  
MEETING  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BLACK STUDENT  
UNION MEETING  
L/L Commons 216  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**wed**

WILLIAM T. RAYMOND  
SEMINAR SERIES  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
11:15 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH ART  
EXHIBITION  
Davis Center  
Livak Fireplace  
Lounge  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

MAJOR JACKSON  
LECTURE  
Billings Apse B307  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
  
COMPLEAT FEMALE  
STAGE BEAUTY  
Royall Tyler Theatre  
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**thu**

UNIVERSITY  
SCHOLARS  
PRESENTATION  
Waterman Memorial  
Lounge 338  
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

MULTICULTURAL  
FESTIVAL  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

HEMP: A DISCUSSION  
ON FARMERS'  
RIGHTS  
Ira Allen Lecture Hall  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

RHYTHM & BREWS  
COFFEEHOUSE  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**fri**

ASV WELCOME  
PRESENTATION  
Ira Allen Chapel  
7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

SHABBAT TO GO  
Davis Center  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

GUEST LECTURER  
MICHAEL POPIO  
Waterman Grace  
Coolidge Room  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DRIVER  
CERTIFICATION  
CLASS  
Mann Hall 211  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

JOB SEARCH  
STRATEGIES  
Lafayette L403  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**sat**

STUDENT CONF. -  
RACE, GENDER &  
SEXUALITY  
Waterman Building  
427  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

STUDENT  
CONFERENCE  
Waterman 427A  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TOP CATS FEBRUARY  
CONCERT  
Ira Allen Chapel  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00  
p.m.

**sun**

OPEN REC - PICK UP  
FIELD HOCKEY  
Indoor Track West  
Basketball Court-  
PFG Complex  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**mon**

TRUTH BEHIND  
COCA-COLA FILM  
Waterman 427A  
6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

FEELGOOD GENERAL  
MEETING  
Davis Center  
The Jost Foundation  
Room  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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WEEKLY STAFF  
MEETING  
Lafayette L108  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.



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## When it's not just a game

It's New York vs. New England, and Burlington is caught in the middle



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## Trustees meet, assess tight funds

By DANIELLE DIARBAKERLY

News Editor

UVM's Board of Trustees gathered for four days of meetings focusing on vital financial issues to the University.

UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel presented Strategic Financial Plan 6.0, which assesses the University's financial situation over the next decade and beyond.

Central to their discussion

of finances was the allocation of 62 million available loan dollars over the next 10 years.

The Campus Life Task Force II focused on assessing the needs of the physical university.

The primary purpose of the task force is to "match the level of excellence required by UVM's Vision: To be among the nation's premier small research universities; preeminent in our comprehensive

commitment to liberal education, environment, health and public service," according to the task force's final report.

With several building and development projects listed as "needs" in a memo written by Fogel, the 62 million will not cover the majority of the projects and renovations.

The projects include changes to Billings, Waterman and Cook.

Fogel said that the board

would need to make "some hard choices."

"It is evident that our resources simply cannot keep pace with our needs," Fogel said.

"We have scarce resources and we have to prioritize," Chairman of the Board of Trustees Carl Lisman said.

The trustees also discussed tuition rates and methods of balancing residential versus non-residential tuition costs

with availability of financial aid.

"The strain falls on non-Vermonters to subsidize their [Vermonters'] education," Fogel said.

"Tuition will go up no more than 6 percent; student fees, 10 percent; room charges, 6 percent; and meals, 7.1 percent," according to *The Burlington Free Press*. The final approval

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## Beads, floats and now votes at Mardi Gras



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

(Below photos by Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Political activists show their support for presidential nominees during the Mardi Gras parade on Saturday on the Church Street Marketplace. The hour-long parade took over Church Street where college students and local families gathered to watch promotional floats for local businesses and organizations and to support their favorite political candidate. Proceeds from bead sales are to benefit the Women's Rape Crisis Center.

## UVM aids in search for student

By TOM PAYEUR

Senior Staff Writer

With Nicholas Garza missing from Middlebury College, UVM's response could potentially help in local search efforts.

Nicholas Garza, a freshman at Middlebury, went missing on the night of Feb. 5 after leaving a social gathering on campus, according to *The Burlington Free Press*.

He was not reported missing until Feb. 10, after a group of friends Garza was first thought to be with returned from a camping trip without him.

As of Feb. 18, the Vermont State Police Search and Rescue Team had finished its on-campus search according to the Middlebury College Web site. The effort has now been moved to searching snow banks along roads, sidewalks and parking lots.

"We have extended an offer of any and all support," Chief of Staff Gary Derr said.

"The Middlebury Department of Public Safety asked UVM to send out an e-mail, which we did, and we have made posters available," Derr said.

"We've made contact through police services and with their counseling center," Annie Stevens, Assistant Vice President for Student and Campus Life, said.

"One of the hardest parts is people want to do something, but we need to let the police to do their job," Stevens said.

Stevens also said that there is information on how to commu-



Nicholas Garza

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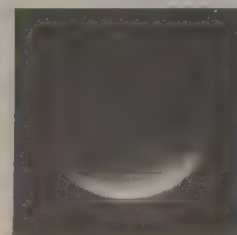
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## Salmonella outbreak at UVM farm quickly quelled

By LIZZIE MAZER

Cynic Correspondent

What could have led to a bad salmonella outbreak earlier this week in the cow farm of the UVM Paul Miller Research Complex was quickly and successfully contained by UVM farm workers, and no cows were lost due to the disease.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, John Messier, the UVM farm Interim Director and other farm workers noticed that 45 cows were getting sick.

John Messier assists and manages the farm on a day to day basis. He immediately called the Vergennes Veterinary Clinic, which is currently in charge of the veterinary care of the farm, Messier said.

Mike Vayda, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, whose role is to oversee the farm for research and teaching purposes, was then contacted.

"We had 45 cows that were inflicted. They had dysentery diarrhea, this is how we could tell they were sick. It was like human food poisoning, they were feeling malades, laying down a lot and milk production had dropped," Vayda said.

"Dr. Annie Starrich and her veterinary team from the Vergennes Clinic came to the farm to test the quality of the feed for problems," Messier said. "Dr. Starrich tested feed samples and they came back negative for salmonella."

Dr. Ruth Blauwikel is a university veterinarian who used to do all clinic work for the university farm until the responsibility was given to the Vergennes Animal Clinic this past July.

The Vergennes clinic became the primary care veterinarian but Dr. Ruth still oversees the farm from time to time.

"I was asked to take a look around

to see if all correct procedures were being followed. I went on Wednesday afternoon," Dr. Blauwikel said.

Dr. Blauwikel observed the feeding process for contamination in the feed to see if there was a connection to what was making the cows sick.

"Salmonella transmission is from the feces and other animals get it into their mouths and get sick," Dr. Blauwikel said. "When they become clinically ill with salmonella, they shed it at an overwhelming pace."

Many species of animals including human beings carry salmonella in their digestive tracts. Only a fraction of cows carry clinical salmonella in their digestive system, Dr. Blauwikel said.

"Often a clinical case of salmonella is initiated by a stressor in the cows or other farm animals" Dr.

**"Salmonella transmission is from the feces and other animals get it into their mouths and get sick. When they become clinically ill with salmonella, they shed it at an overwhelming pace."**

**- Dr. Ruth Blauwikel**

Blauwikel said. "Something disrupts their intestinal flora. It could be feed, transport, recent calving or various other things."

Salmonella bacteria overwhelm other micro-flora in their system and then they present a challenge to other animals in the herd.

"There were 45 cows that dropped off in milk production. Some had mild diarrhea and were quite ill" Dr. Blauwikel said. "We don't know if they were sick with salmonella."

"We separated the cows so they

wouldn't spread disease to rest of herd, we tried to limit the spread" Vayda said. "Over the first two days there was an increase of cows who were infected. It has stopped now and the cows that were infected are getting better and we seem to have controlled the outbreak."

Dr. Starrich and Dr. Blauwikel suggested that the eight cows that were most ill be treated with antibiotics to fight off bacteria infection. These antibiotics can be administered as a shot or orally into the feed Vayda said.

Salmonella is like having the flu or food poisoning for humans. The best thing for the animals is rest and fluid Vayda said.

On Thursday the entire herd of about 275 cows were given a vaccine against salmonella. Vayda said the vaccine helps to boost their immune system so their bodies can fight off the bacteria from the disease.

"Dr. Starrich has said this is an unusual winter, we have noticed a number of disease outbreaks at plenty of Vermont farms," Vayda said. "They believe it could be weather related due to the fluctuation in temperature. Winter dysentery is a common occurrence on farms."

"Currently entry into the barn is restricted. We want to make sure we have this under control before we expose this to the public or students," Dr. Blauwikel said. "Humans are just as susceptible to the disease as the animals."

The staff and the public will be separated to limit traffic going in and out of the barn.

"We are using biosecurity mats and everyone working on the farm is being asked to use more hygiene as a precaution," Messier said.

"We're trying to give them the best veterinary care that we can," Vayda said. "No cows have currently died from the outbreak."

## TRUSTEES

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and decision will be made at the May meeting.

The board also voted to name the new plant and soil science building after former senator James Jeffords.

On Friday morning, Trustees also discussed the possibility of building a new arena, however on Saturday they decided that they would not reject the proposal, however, set aside a budget for continued research to assess the plan.

The facility would be double the size of the current area and would hold sporting events, concerts and a fitness center.

The plan and research will be reviewed at the board meeting in May.

SLAP also made an appearance on Friday. Students continue to ask the University for a "livable wage."

Saturday was the final trustee meeting for Chairman Carl Lisman.

The board "expresses its appreciation and heartfelt best wishes for Chairman Carl S. Lisman," Fogel said.



(Andre Malarba/Vermont Cynic)

UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel speaks during the Board of Trustees meetings last week.



# Barack Obama for President

## VOTE MARCH 4

Register by Feb. 27

Get Involved | Join "UVM Students for Barack Obama" on Facebook | Join "Vermonters for Obama" on mybarackobama.com | Email Peter at pmerritt@uvm.edu to volunteer on campus



"...the only one with a decent chance for a landslide"  
—Newsweek, 12/31/07

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek"

— Barack Obama, 2/5/08

### Get out of Iraq

Sen. Obama opposed the war from the start

Bring home all combat troops within 16 months

### Unite the country

Sen. Obama's campaign has attracted the most diverse coalition of voters, including democrats, independents, and republicans

### Government for the people

Only major candidate that doesn't accept money from Washington lobbyists

### Environment

Reduce Carbon Emissions 80 Percent by 2050  
Receives highest score of any candidate from the League of Conservation Voters  
[www.lcv.org/voterguide/](http://www.lcv.org/voterguide/)

## Calendar of Events

Every MWF through March 4  
Feb. 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29, March 1 –  
Tabling at the Davis Center

Come register to vote in Vermont!  
Help register and inform other voters, and recruit volunteers from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in first floor lobby

Tuesday, Feb. 19 – DINING HALL  
CANVASS

Recruit, inform and register students to vote

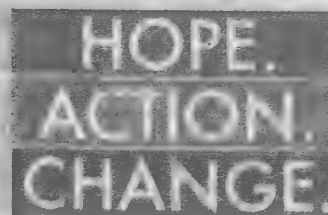
We're going to meet at the Davis Center at 5:30 p.m., have a quick training, and then head out to various dining halls.

MARCH 1 – STATE WIDE CANVASS

Help us knock on every door in Vermont to get the vote out for Barack.  
RSVP to PMerritt@uvm.edu

Search "Meet Barack" on YouTube.com

Visit [BarackObama.com/Issues](http://BarackObama.com/Issues) for more details on policy





# City proposes rec center in old electric plant

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO  
Senior Staff Writer

Resting on Burlington's waterfront, the decommissioned and practically unused Moran electric plant could be looking toward new beginnings.

The Moran electric plant opened in 1954 and was shut down by 1986; it has been vacant ever since, according to Burlington's Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO) Web site.

Mayor Bob Kiss, with the help of the City Council of Burlington, has proposed the redevelopment of the Moran Plant, according to the CEDO Web site.

The City Council looked toward the engagement of Burlington residents to determine the future of the plant; they received 600 "Idea Cards" and 1,300 surveys from citizens of Burlington by the end of 2005, according to the Moran Center Report.

Eighty-six percent of those polled liked the idea of a waterfront park best, according to the Moran Plant Ballot.

The restored plant's park would house an indoor ice and rock climbing facility, a restaurant, a children's museum and an expanded sailing center, according to the CEDO Web site.

"No one spends time at the Waterfront in the winter," lobbyist for the restoration, City Councilor Barbara Perry said, "it's empty, scary [and] cold."

However, the redeveloped plant would offer free access to the public all year

long, in addition to providing benefits to the entire community, said Kirsten Shapiro, special projects manager for the community and economic development office.

Some benefits include permanent year-round jobs (approximately 80), new venues for tourism, avoidance of cost and waste associated with demolition and new property tax revenues, according to the Moran Center Report.

Perry also mentioned the importance of preserving the plant, as it is the last remnant of the transformed waterfront. "There ain't much left of our history, but the Moran" she said.

Plus, the reconstruction, rather than the demolition, of the plant is greener, Perry said.

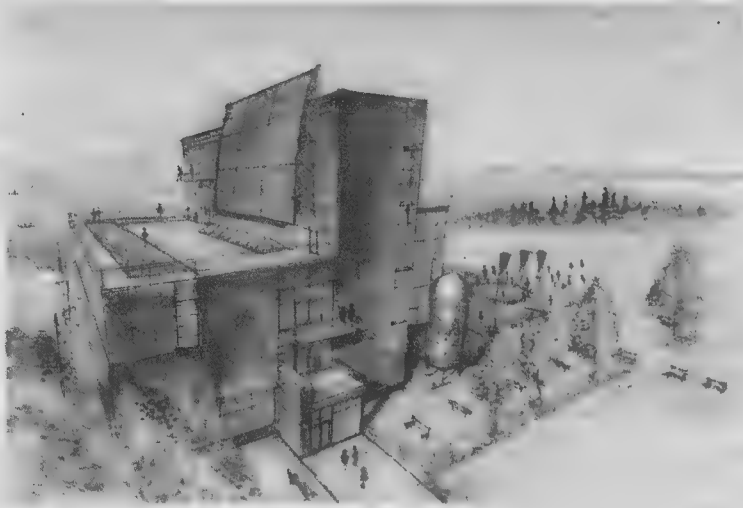
Jon Slason, an active member of the Moran Plant Advisory Group (MAG), agrees.

"The City has an amazing opportunity to take advantage of several motivated users

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who can transform a current defunct, dangerous structure into a shining beacon of sustainability and creative entrepreneurship characteristic of Burlington," he said.

Besides the interior of the Moran plant, other upgrades have been proposed



(Photo courtesy of CEDO)

An illustration of what the new recreation center that would take the place of an unused electric plant will look like. The rec center would house an indoor ice and rock climbing facility, a restaurant, a children's museum and a sailing center.

for the waterfront, including bike path improvements, increased green space, a children's splash park and a new skate park, according to the CEDO Web site.

The estimated total cost of the project is approximately \$21 million, however, the City would only pay about \$7 million, Shapiro said.

The proposal has gained wide acceptance and support throughout the community.

"I think it's a great idea they aren't knocking down the plant," UVM freshman Ed Guardaro said, "plus it's even better, that they're putting in a kid's museum."

Hisashi Kominami, a member of the MAG and graduate student laboratory technician at UVM, thinks the proposal is great because it provides recreational diversity.

"[With] ... an [indoor] ice climbing facility [and] an ice rink, people [tourists] would have more options and incentives for coming to visit because Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate ... and the weather is not always perfect," she said.

"I was just down at the Waterfront the other day and thinking about how hideous that building is; turning it into something would be perfect," UVM junior Abby O'Brien said.

Those who are registered can vote on the March 4 ballot for the onward movement of the renovation proposal, Perry said.

"Just remember to vote, it's so, so important," she said.

## MISSING STUDENT

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nicate with authorities regarding Garza on UVM's Risk Management Web page.

"My impression is that the local community has been very sympathetic," Sarah Ray, Director of public affairs at Middlebury, said.

SGA has yet to pass a resolution regarding Nicholas Garza because he has yet to be found, said Jay Taylor, chair of the student action committee.

"The issue hasn't been brought up yet. But as soon as there is a definitive answer and we hear the news, it will," Taylor said.

According to the SGA Web site, a resolution in regards to the safe return of Michelle Gardner-Quinn was passed on Oct. 10, 2006, three days after she went missing.

Student responses to UVM's efforts in making Garza a well known figure around campus were positive.

"I think they've done a good job," UVM sophomore Clinton Hayes said. "I've seen posters in all the dorms and they sent out that e-mail."

"I've been seeing more and more posters around, so that helps," freshman Katelyn Blaire said.

There are many ways students can get involved in the search effort. A Web site has been set up by the family of Nicholas Garza, [www.nicholasgarza.org](http://www.nicholasgarza.org).

There is also a Facebook group, "Middlebury College Student Nick Garza is Missing," which gives tips on how to help.

Middlebury College is also informing the public on updates via their Web site <http://www.middlebury.edu>.

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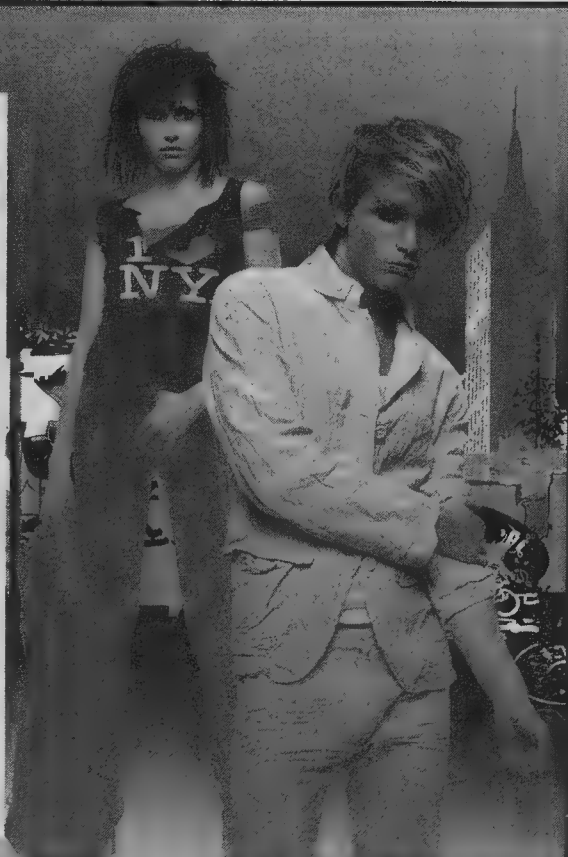
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# Spring '08 grads tabbed for Teach for America

By BRENDAN FILKINS  
Cynic Correspondent

Five of UVM's soon-to-be graduates are actively addressing America's academic achievement gap in educational institutions.

Thirteen million American children are growing up experiencing socio economic and racial inequality that directly affects educational opportunities and success, according to [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org).

The Web site explains that Teach for America is a corps of "talented recent college graduates and professionals" who are seeking to bridge this immense academic achievement gap in lower socio-economic institutions.

This fall the University of Vermont's Web site officially announced a record-high acceptance rate comprised over four undergraduate seniors and one graduate student into the two-year program.

Dennis Robillard, Henry Melcher, Chris Costello, Maggie Taylor and graduate Ashley Foell have been accepted into the program, according to a UVM press release.

UVM senior and Teach for America inductee Dennis Robillard describes the program as "an opportunity to do concrete good in for an under-recognized problem."

The program takes college graduates and sends them through what Robillard describes as "teacher boot camp", then places them for two years in schools all across the country that are facing racial injustices and socio economic disparities, according to the Teach for America Web site.

The program is notoriously competitive and online statistics boast that 95 percent of members held leadership positions at their college campus and average over a 3.5 GPA upon graduation, according to the Web site.

True to the statistics, Robillard is currently the director of Volunteer Action and oversees many initiatives ranging from alternative spring breaks to food salvage.

He will be spending the next two years of his life dedicated to this cause living in what he said would be "essentially a trailer park" and teaching on an Indian reservation in North Dakota, said Robillard.

"I wanted to go to a place I thought I would never actually go" said Robillard and also hopes that he will bring a "multicultural perspective" to the community.

After working locally in what she called "an educational utopia," Ashley Foell said that she would be spending her two years working in low-income schools on the island of Hawaii.

Foell said she was also successful at the university as a co-president of the figure skating club, and that she will be getting her masters in May right before leaving for her weeklong corps induction in Houston, Texas.

She mentioned long-term goals of educational administration and said that Teach for America "would allow me to make a difference closing the achievement gap."

Anna Smiles-Becker from Career Services said that she helps many students who are interested in the corps to prepare for their applications and interviews required for acceptance.

Smiles Becker also feels that of late there has been a "definite outreach to UVM students" by the Teach for America organization.

Although according to the Web site the average income of a corps member is over 30,000 dollars a year and their expenses, according to Robillard are "next to nothing", he spoke for all of the members when he said "no one does this for the money."

# Students continue livable wage efforts

By MEGAN BRANACCIO  
Senior Staff Writer

Although great minds might not always think alike, that doesn't mean they can't unite for a greater cause.

Hosted by UVM senior William Ottman and friend Matthew Mantone, Gathering of the Minds, an open "debate forum on University divestment and livable wage," was held last Thursday night.

Nearly 30 members of the UVM community gathered around to discuss their opinions on livable wages and a divestment plan for the University, while a larger group constituted the audience.

"In this world we're living in, money means everything; where our money goes makes a huge statement, it's who we are," he said.

"I [came] to gain a general understanding of what our school's money is going towards," sophomore Estefania Puerta said.

The Student Labor Action Project (SLAP), the Debate Team, Students Against the War (SAW), the International Socialist Organization and United Staff were among the groups that participated in the forum.

The first hour of the night was dedicated to a discussion on the necessity of providing all members of the UVM staff with livable wages.

"Livable wage is not minimum wage," sophomore and member of SLAP, Lindsey Gillies, said.

Professor Alfred "Tuna" Snider argued that providing all staff mem-

bers, like those working through So-dexho, with livable wages would actually benefit the University.

"When people can get a better job, they just leave and the University has to replace them, and when someone new comes, they have to be trained, which costs 30 percent of what they are paid," he said.

Snider also mentioned that it is difficult to demand superior work and service from those being paid less.

If each worker who was not earn-

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-Alfred "Tuna" Snider  
Professor

ing a livable wage were to have their salary increased, it would not necessarily mean that tuition would increase, either, Gillies said.

"It would be a gradual increase; the money could come from the vice presidents' six-figure salaries," she said.

Marilyn Eldred, a member of the

UVM staff and United Staff concluded the discussion.

"It's a matter of priorities; do we want to invest in our people, our best resources, or in fancy buildings?" she said.

The topic of conversation then shifted to divestment campaigning.

Halliburton, Dyncorp, Monsanto, Wal mart and General Dynamics were the main companies in which UVM has invested money that were of most concern because of their involvements with the war and their environmental practices, Ottman said.

"How dare [the administration] tell the public that our mission statement is social awareness, greenness and social justice, when every single one of these companies goes against these beliefs," Mantone said.

After input from each participating group, the coalition of minds decided to concentrate first on campaigning for divestment from war profiteering companies like Halliburton and Dyncorp.

"We shouldn't have to negotiate with trustees between what we should and shouldn't invest in with regards to war profiteering," Gillies said.

"It's important to talk about the way we invest, not just who we invest in," freshman and member of SAW Kylie Vanerstrom said.

Gathering of the Minds began about a year ago and started out as showing of artwork and an open microphone, with people singing and reciting poetry on social concerns, Mantone said.

# UVM students uninformed about organ donation

**Some students found largely ignorant of ability to donate organs because of lack of education in Driver's Ed**

By HAYLEE JOHNSON  
Cynic Correspondent

While only 15.42 people a year in Vermont are donating organs, according to The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, there appears to be a lack of clarity among UVM students regarding their organ donating rights.

The New England Organ Bank states, "If your state's motor vehicle department offers you the option to become a donor, [it] is an excellent way to make your wishes known."

According to CNN, in an article titled "Drivers Ed used to teach organ donation", published in 2003, only nine states, not including Vermont, required discussion about organ donation in driver's education courses.

"Today", said Richard Laeng, a Public Health Analyst of the U.S. government Division of Transplantation, "as of November 2006, there are 18 States or territories that teach donor

education through driver's education."

So the list has grown, yet many states, including Vermont, have decided not to participate.

When DMV Chief of Customer Service in Burlington, Vt., Michael Smith, was asked why organ donation is not included in the Driver's Education Manual, he said, "you cannot donate when you are getting a learner's permit. You have to be eighteen."

Despite the lack of law enforcing discussion about organ donation in Vermont, a few students did hear about organ donation through Drivers Ed.

UVM freshman and Vermont resident, Patrick LaClair said "yes, I did hear about [organ donation] at Driver's Ed., but not at the DMV."

Smith said, "we only tell people if they ask about it (organ donation), but we keep [the pamphlets] next to the cameras where people must go to fill out forms... our focus is on motor vehicles."

When asked what the best way was to sign up to be an organ donor, Smith suggested either signing the back of one's license or filling out a Uniform Donor Card, which can be found through a PDF link on the Do-

nate Life section of the Fletcher Allen Web site.

Yet, Smith said "even if you sign your license, that doesn't mean you're a donor. If a family says 'no,' it doesn't matter what you sign."

As UVM students were being interviewed, some had to look at their license to remember whether they were donors or not.

John Viscido, a UVM freshman and resident of Vermont, said that all he knew about organ donation is that "the man" takes your organs after you die."

In response to why he was not an organ donor, another UVM freshman, Mac Esters said "in Judaism, you're supposed to go back to God the way you came."

William Paden, professor of religion at UVM, indicated that different groups within the three main monotheistic religions, Christianity, Judaism and Islam, could view organ donation as interfering with their journey to the afterlife.

Other UVM students have a very different stance.

Bridget Treco, a UVM freshman, said "I don't want my body parts going to waste."

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## NATIONAL

### Last lunar eclipse until 2010

The last Lunar Eclipse until 2010 occurred last Wednesday night. During the eclipse, the sun, Earth and moon lined up, leaving a silhouette of the moon in the night sky.

### Stagflation becomes a problem

The Federal Reserve lowered its growth forecast for 2008 to 1.3-2 percent. With prices continuing to rise, stagflation, or high inflation and high unemployment, is feared for the future of the economy.

### Pentagon hits satellite

A U.S. missile successfully destroyed the non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite that caused concern about reentry into earth's atmosphere. The satellite was feared for the toxic fuel it contained and the possibility of landing in a populated area.

### Americans decrease interest in golf

The activity that once stood for corporate success in the U.S. is seeing fewer players every year. Course owners are responding to the decline in business with tactics like creating coupons and marketing to women.

### Medical device makers get protection

The Supreme Court ruled that the makers of medical devices, like implantable defibrillators, are not liable for personal injuries caused by their product as long as the Food and Drug Administration approved the device prior to being marketed.

### Stanford expands financial aid

Stanford University announced that it will extend financial aid to middle-class students. Families that earn \$60,000 or less will not have to pay for tuition or housing.

### Former USA Today reporter held in contempt

After refusing to name sources who had discussed a former Army scientist's possible role in the 2001 anthrax attacks, a former USA Today Reporter was held in contempt by a federal judge.

### Obama defeats Clinton in Wisconsin

Senator Barack Obama beat Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Wisconsin primary. Clinton's support from women, union-members and middle-aged voters was stirred by Obama's decisive victory.

## Nadar for President

Ralph Nader announced Sunday that he will run for president. Running as a third-party candidate, Nader cited people's disenchantment with the Republican and Democratic parties and the close ties between current White House hopefuls as reasons for his decision. Nader has run as a third-party candidate twice before, in 2000 and 2004 and many accuse him of costing Al Gore the election in 2000.

### Officer killed while leading Clinton motorcade

A Dallas police officer was killed when he lost control of his motorcycle and it struck a pillar. The officer was escorting Hillary Clinton's motorcade to a rally. The rally was in preparation for the Texas primary on March 4.

### Bush discusses Darfur with Kagame

President Bush met with President Kagame of Rwanda to discuss the Darfur crisis. So far, over 200,000 have died and 2.5 million have been displaced in Darfur.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Castro steps down

The Cuban president that ruled for nearly 50 years announced his resignation last week. Although Castro had been ill for nearly two years, it is still unclear whether he stepped down for personal or political reasons.

### Serbs set fire to U.N. posts

NATO Troops were forced to intervene after two U.N. posts were burned just north of Kosovo. Fears begin to grow that the Serbian-dominated north could erupt in violence.

### Russia's claim for polar territorial expansion

Russia is making new territorial claims in the Arctic Circle, expanding the country's borders to the North Pole. Explorers planted a Russian flag over two miles under the icy arctic waters last August, sparking a new debate on international boundaries.

### Turkish offensive continues

Turkey's cross-border military offensive into Iraq has continued with a death toll of 112 rebels since the incursion began. Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) rebels claim to have killed 15 Turkish troops.

### Doubts arise about Iraqi bombers

The two female suicide bombers that killed more than 100 people on Feb. 1 in Baghdad appear to have suffered from depression and schizophrenia. Iraqi and American officials are disputing whether the bombers also had Down syndrome. The devastating blast was the worst since last summer.

### Colombian guerilla's plan to free captives

Four South American lawmakers are supposed to be released by Colombian rebels soon, but their identities have not been officially verified. The hostages have been held captive for over five years in rebel prison camps for their political work against the rebels.

### Musharraf unlikely to be impeached

President Pervez Musharraf was weakened by Pakistan's parliamentary elections, but his opponents still need a two-thirds majority to impeach him. Since Musharraf has been a major opponent of Al Qaeda and an important ally to the U.S., his impeachment could be a blow to U.S. anti-terrorism efforts.

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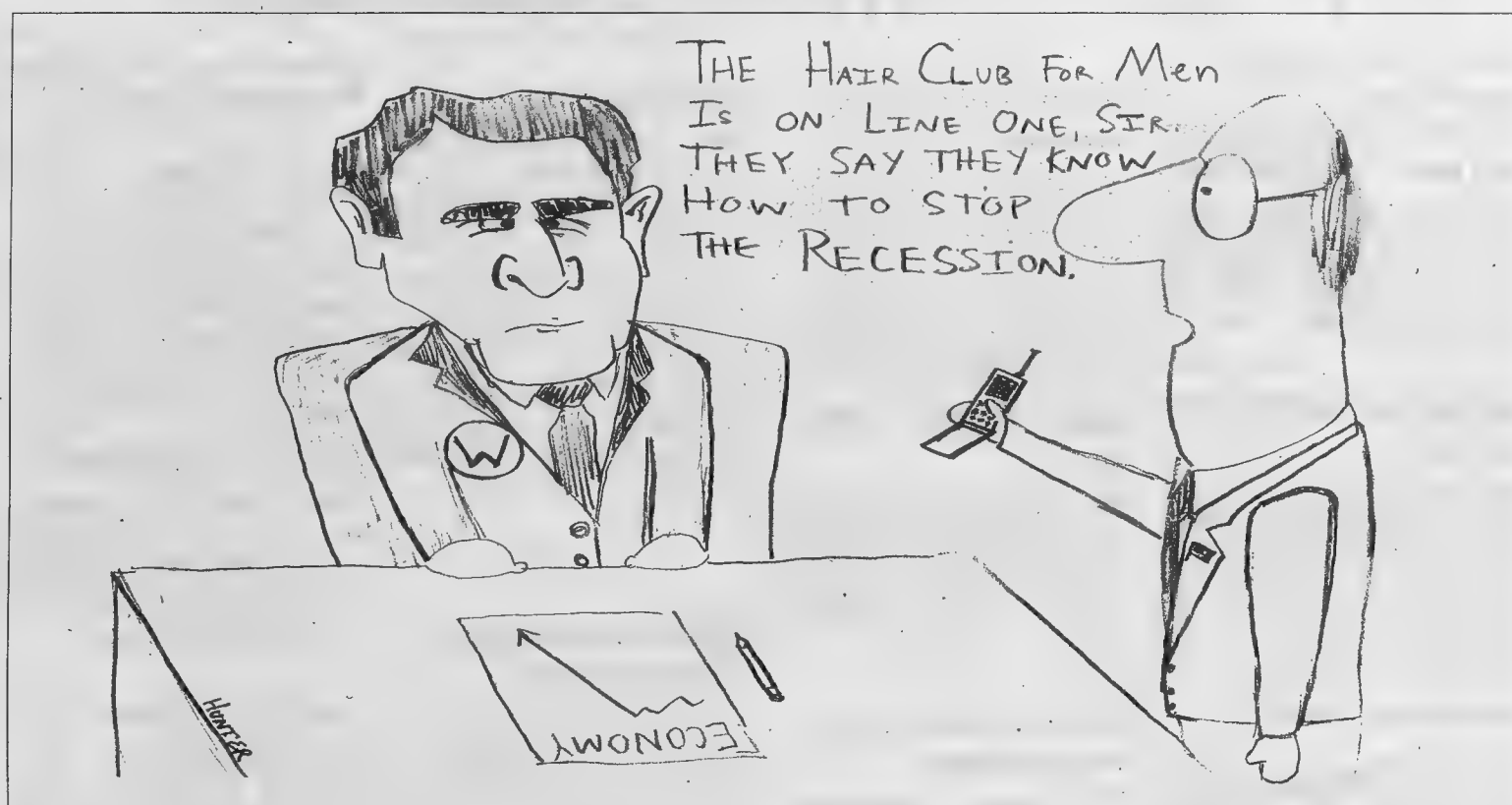
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### Disturbing quote of the week:

**"The way you  
puncture euphoria  
is reality, or to be  
more blunt, fear.  
I recommend to  
Senator Clinton the  
politics of fear"**

-William Kristol, editor  
of The Weekly Standard.



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## Hill-dog is begging for scraps

Something is wrong when politics ceases to be a discussion of issues, and instead turns into a game of manipulation and semantics.

At its worst, it is a by-any-means-necessary grab of votes with little gravitas and no dignity.

In our estimation, it is this game that is being played by Sen. Hillary Clinton in her White House bid against rival Sen. Barack Obama.

To illustrate this, we need some backstory.

Political parties are technically private organizations. As such, they can make their own rules about assigning delegates from different states. It is the party that decides the order and timing of the primaries, and they can punish states for violating the rules of their party by changing their primary dates against party rulings.

So when Florida and Michigan moved their democratic primaries up without permission, the party punished them by

stripping away their delegates.

Whether this is a wise or even just move is up for debate. What isn't up for debate is the fact that both campaigns agreed to observe this, and both contenders signed pledges not to campaign in these places. And even though they held a vote anyway, Obama wasn't even on the ballot in Michigan.

As a result, Clinton won landslide victories in both states — effectively winning delegates that will have no say at the national convention where all pledged delegates and un-pledged "superdelegates" selected in each state's primary come to vote, officially confirming the nominee.

For a long time, this seemed like it would be a non-issue, at least as far as deciding the nominee is concerned. But now, lagging in the polls and vote counts, Hillary wants those delegates to have a say.

This would be fine if she had been championing this cause from the start.

But only issuing from her lips now, in a time of crisis, her words about "giving florida a voice" ring hollow.

This move speaks volumes about the candidate, and none of it is good. Its most profound suggestion, though, is that she respects the letter, but not the spirit, of the law — precisely the type of thinking that has led the greater part of this country to despise the sitting president, who regularly justifies practices like spying on American citizens and torturing suspected terrorists by taking artistic license with our laws.

And it is a shameless attempt to manipulate the very real representative concerns of these states into a movement that is, by default, pro-Hillary.

These are the moves of a desperate candidate, one who has very few options left on the table.

The only respectable move — oddly the one of someone with the professionalism to become president — is to drop out.

## Examining the exams

One division of our University's professors feel that they have the authority to go beyond the hours allotted to them by the Registrar.

Professors in the sciences have consistently shown contempt for their student's time and responsibilities by scheduling exams outside of their allotted class schedules.

College is a busy time, students' responsibilities begin to pile up and schedules become hectic and packed quickly.

Thankfully, our University does its utmost to help students keep their schedules consistent with class times planned months in advance and strictly upheld.

It is an unfortunate deviation from stated University policy that many of our science professors feel that they may impinge upon their students' rights to be informed of all class meeting times when they sign up for a class, not months later when courses

are filled and the semester has started.

Students at this University come with richly diverse responsibilities and circumstances. Our University plays host to commuting students, students working to pay their way through, students with family obligations and students with myriad other circumstances and responsibilities.

We need to respect these students and provide them with every opportunity that their peers are provided. This is not happening in many of our science courses.

The University catalogue outlines the policy concerning faculty members' rights and responsibilities concerning scheduling of exams quite clearly. "These [examinations] are scheduled by the faculty member within the class periods assigned for the class."

The only instance in which the catalogue does allow for 'common hour'

exams to be held is in the case of "a course which has several sections meeting at different hours."

This is not the case with the vast majority of our University's science courses, which meet as a group regularly.

So, why does a faction of our University's professors feel that they are above the stated University policy?

We, unfortunately, cannot answer this question.

What the students need is a standard that is not overlooked. If a class needs more time than your average three credits, then it needs to advertise itself as such — there should never be surprises about extra classtime requirements.

If this means expanded course descriptions, so be it — frankly, we feel there is far too little information listed during the pre-registration period anyway. If this means re-thinking the way classes are planned, so be it.



## Overload

According to the University, students can expect about three hours of homework for every one hour spent in class. Yes three hours.



Tom Mertz

The average student carries 15 credit hours.  $15 \times 3 = 45$ , and 45 (out of class hours per week) plus 15 (in class hours per week) = 60 hours. That is 60 hours per week devoted strictly to the academics listed on our student schedule. We all know life exists in countless more forms besides your student schedule.

The average person is supposed to get eight hours of sleep each night.  $8 \times 7 = 56$ . This equals 116 hours each week devoted to your student schedule and sleeping. There are 168 hours in a week.

That leaves the remaining 52 hours for the following...

Eating healthy; which, as we all know, cannot be done conveniently on campus. There are probably a handful of school administrators dumb enough to think they have provided us with plenty of practical and healthy meal options, but we know otherwise: Eating healthy requires trips to the grocery store and time to cook.

Exercising; if you don't exercise you should not expect to be healthy. We (healthy human beings) need at least 30 minutes of aerobic exercise four times a week. Some time in the weight room can't hurt either. Seriously, it doesn't hurt you, it's good for you.

Social life; no one ever told you that it was good for your mental health to go through life as a hermit and avoid social relationships. We are expected (and of course want) to maintain as many healthy

and friendly relationships as possible, which require a lot of time and energy. This also includes maintaining healthy and happy family relationships.

Academic extracurriculars: tutoring, debate team, SGA, fraternity/sorority meetings, activist groups (these are highly encouraged at UVM)... etc.

Non-academic extracurriculars: Intramural sports, club sports, dance team

A job: Unless you are lucky enough (strong emphasis on "lucky" here) to have your parents (or whoever) pay tuition, room and board, student fees and still put spending money in your pocket (for things like healthy food at a grocery store, and a few drinks now and again to take the edge off) you're going to need a paying job.

Extra sleep: I am one who needs a little bit more than the standard eight hours per night.

Sleeping when you're tired is an amazingly good feeling.

Leisure activities: We belong to a culture; we have to participate. TV, skiing/snowboarding, movies, reading for fun, volunteer work, attending guest lectures, concerts/events, smoking (we've all seen what goes on outside the library); apparently it's an important activity for students. Time to clear your head outside or at the waterfront or wherever, seeing the sights, fishing, listening to/making music, puzzles, working on cars or any other hobby in the world. The world is massive, everyone has their own calling/activity that they love to spend their time doing.

Test prep: Graduate school anyone?

Sickness: The week is really going to suck if you are too ill to get out of bed. Good luck getting everything done.

Sex: Let's not kid ourselves on the subject. Safe sex is an

extremely healthy activity; it's like a free stress relieving drug, so enjoy it while you can.

News/current events: We live in a democracy; it's up to you to make informed decisions on government. There are many who argue that it's your duty to participate in politics if you're going to reap the benefits of living in a rich democracy.

Extra credits; I can't imagine the students that carry over 15 credits, but I know you're out there.

Getting ahead: It doesn't seem possible, but some of you put in the work it takes to actually get out in front of things.

I don't know about you guys, but I'm finding it hard to keep up. I dread the email inbox; checking email is basically saying, "Ok, what did I forget to do this week?" I hate forgetting things.

## Letters to the Editor

### Rebuking Pearson

I would like to thank Kensington Moore and the Cynic staff for their in-depth reporting on my candidacy for the Vermont House of Representatives in the article "Ram to run for Vt. Statehouse."

I am writing to express my disappointment with the comment of Rep. Christopher Pearson in the article: "I would be curious to know what she thinks she brings to the table." This statement does not sit well with me for a number of reasons.

First, I certainly hope Rep. Pearson is not implying that college students or young people do not have much to bring much to the table.

Young Vermonters face a unique set of challenges and bring a unique perspective to the table.

The issues we confront as a state are great, and we must have all voices present to hammer out meaningful solutions.

For example, more can be done to ensure and increase state funding for higher education so that Vermont's youth are not priced out of an education, and I am up for that task.

Second, I believe I have a lot to bring to the table from my work at UVM and in the Burlington community, and because of my passion for serving others.

I already represent 9,500 people as the SGA President and have brought change on issues that are important to UVM students and all Vermonters.

I serve on Mayor Kiss' Environment and Energy Coordinating Committee and have piloted a program to reduce energy costs for families living in poverty in partnership with the local non-profit NeighborKeepers.

I have spent two years researching environmental

health issues in Vermont and their disproportionate impact on low-income communities and refugee populations.

My culminating work, state environmental justice bill H. 463, is currently on the docket in the Vermont House of Representatives thanks to the support of Rep. Rachel Weston. In fact, Rep. Pearson has signed on to my legislation, so perhaps that could serve to remind him what I bring to the table.

Lastly, there are plenty of other political leaders in the state who do recognize what I bring to the table.

It is exciting to be in a state where members of the Democratic Party have noticed my passion for making change and engagement in public service, and would invite me, regardless of my age and in some ways because of it, to join them in the Statehouse.

Perhaps Rep. Pearson has yet to see what I offer to Vermonters, but there are already many students and citizens who are willing to stand with me to see that the voices of young people are heard in Montpelier.

So, to Rep. Pearson, I would respond: I want to empower students and young people to recognize the rich opportunities that exist and the important work that must be done in this wonderful state.

I intend to bring voice and opportunity to all of Vermont's next generation. We deserve a seat at the table.

Respectfully,

Kesha Ram  
SGA President and  
District 3-4 House Candidate

### Change in B-town

This afternoon confirmed what I have long known about UVM students: you are not only friendly, open and intelligent, but are also informed, caring and committed to what for many is their adopted "home" state of Vermont.

I spent my afternoon on the first floor of the Davis Center today, signing up voters and talking politics with involved students who found time to talk amongst their busy schedules. I am so excited to be running for the City Council in Burlington's Ward 6, which includes Redstone campus down South Prospect Street and down Maple Street to St Paul.

I lived on Robinson Parkway in Burlington as a kid and loved growing up in a college town. I attended UVM as did my husband, sister, brother in law, and parents. Even after receiving a degree outside of Vermont, I found my way back to this city I love.

I am running for City Council for much of the same reasons Barack Obama is running, though of course on a much different scale.

Sitting today with the students for the Obama campaign made me realize the dramatic similarity in our goals and campaigns: We need change on Burlington's City Council.

Burlington especially needs change with regard to its financial situation. With property taxes rising at three times the rate of inflation, stagnant growth in our tax base and a city pension system that will be insolvent when the baby boomers retire, Burlington faces real financial problems that your generation will have to pay for if we don't start making changes now.

All three of these challenges have been known for over 7 years. It is time to resolve

these issues so we can get on with planning for the future of our city.

We need change so Burlington can prosper; and we need a City Council with the experience needed to generate change. I have a decade of service to Burlington and have been on two city commissions, Burlington Electric and Burlington Police.

I and was nominated to serve on the latter by all the Democrats on the City Council and was recently asked by Progressive Mayor Bob Kiss to serve on the task force to address our pension challenges.

I have served Burlington as an Independent and will continue to effect change and move Burlington forward if elected.

In addition to city government experience, I have had a career in financial analysis for institutions and individuals since college. Much of what goes on with the City Council is financial in nature.

Growing up in UVM's backyard, I appreciate the value of having the University in Burlington. What UVM brings to Burlington can't be measured only in dollars. It is the culture, the social awareness and the lifeblood of the campus - its students.

I wish every resident of Burlington could see what I saw at the Davis Center today! Besides, if you haven't eaten at Feel Good, you haven't lived! Please remember to vote for change. Vote Karen Paul for City Council.

Respectfully,

Karen Paul  
Burlington, VT

### Wasted trees

This is written in response to LTE "Getting the facts right"

Kimberly-Clark uses very little recycled fiber and their Kleenex brand tissue uses none.

According to Kimberly-Clark's proxy statement sent to shareholders last year, "Recycled fiber currently accounts for approximately 29 percent of fiber use for Kimberly-Clark and its subsidiaries and equity affiliates."

This figure doesn't take into account the even lower levels of recycled fiber used in North America or the lower percentage of this total that is post-consumer waste (recycled fiber taken out of the waste stream). All forest certifications are not the same.

We're only interested in forest certifications that are not created or led by the forest industry as an excuse to log. According to Kimberly-Clark's Sustainability Report released last April, only 7.7% of their virgin fiber is Forest Stewardship Council certified.

This is about ancient forests that are turned into toilet paper and tissue. Losing intact forests for disposable products is inexcusable!

With all that said, given the fact that Kimberly-Clark doesn't usually list the amount of post consumer waste in their products, it is surprising that you have included this data in your response.

So, in the interest of telling the truth, would you be able to tell us what you do at Kimberly-Clark?

Respectfully,

Basil Tsimoyianis,  
Class of 2009

## This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Monday, March 3

### TUESDAY, Feb. 26

#### Women's Lacrosse

Stena  
Loudonville, N.Y., 3 p.m.

#### Men's Lacrosse

UVA  
Charlottesville, Va., 4 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27

#### Women's Basketball

Maine  
Orono, Maine 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, Feb. 28

#### Men's Basketball

UNH  
Durham, N.H., 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, Feb. 29

#### Track and Field

New England Championships  
Boston, Mass., 10 a.m.

#### Swimming

ECAC Championships  
Pittsburgh, Pa. TBA

#### Softball

vs. Florida A&M and Maryland  
Orlando, Fla., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

#### Women's Lacrosse

vs. UConn  
Moulton Winder Field, 3 p.m.

#### Men's Hockey

vs. Maine  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

#### Baseball

New Orleans  
New Orleans, La. 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, March 1

#### Track and Field

New England Championships  
Boston, Mass., 10 a.m.

#### Swimming

ECAC Championships  
Pittsburgh, Pa. TBA

#### Baseball

New Orleans  
New Orleans, La. 1 p.m.

#### Softball

vs. Central Florida  
Orlando, Fla., 2 p.m.

#### Women's Lacrosse

vs. UConn  
Moulton Winder Field, 3 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

UMDU  
Baltimore, Md., 7 p.m.

#### Men's Hockey

vs. Maine  
Gutterson Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, March 2

#### Softball

vs. Villanova  
Orlando, Fla., 9 a.m.

#### Swimming

ECAC Championships  
Pittsburgh, Pa. TBA

#### Men's Basketball

vs. Maine  
Patrick Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

#### Women's Hockey

Maine  
Orono, Maine, 2 p.m.

# Bracket Busters

**Men's basketball beats Hartford, stuns red hot UNC-Wilmington**

By KAT WILLIAMS

Senior Staff Writer

Sophomore Marqus Blakely earned his tenth straight double-double as the Cats improved their record to 8-6, defeating UNC-Wilmington 84-73 last Saturday in what was UVM's final non-conference game of the season.

The Cats had five players in the double digits, shooting 50 percent from the floor.

Blakely led the team with 19 points, 19 rebounds and five assists.

Junior Mike Trimboli had 15 points, while freshman Joey Accaoui added 13.

Sophomore Nick Vier chipped in 12 points and senior Kyle Cieplicki scored 11.

UNCW's TJ Carter scored a game-high 24 points and Vladimir Kuljanin tallied 11.

Blakely, who technically earned his tenth double-double in the first half of Saturday's game — 12 points, 11 rebounds — now sits at the top of five America East Individual Leader Statistics.

He averages 19.8 points per game, 11.1 rebounds per game (7.16 defensive, 3.92 offensive — both the highest in the conference) and 2.56 blocked shots per game.

His 277 rebounds this season places him seventeenth in the nation in that category.



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

**Sophomore Marqus Blakely (23) battles in the paint against two Hartford defenders. Blakely tied his career-best with 30 points and had a personal-record 20 rebounds against the Hawks.**

The sophomore also put on an impressive performance last Wednesday when UVM defeated Hartford 94-82 at Patrick Gym.

Blakely tied a career-high 30 points and set a new personal record with 20 rebounds.

The win vaulted the Catsmounts to third in the America East standings (8-6).

Trimboli added 22 points, Accaoui tallied 14 and Cieplicki had 10 to help push past the Hawks — winners of five straight coming in — and end UVM's three game losing streak.

Hartford freshman Morgan Sabia led the Hawks with 21 points while junior Michael Turner added 19.

Accaoui has played a huge role in the success of the team's recent wins, stepping up off the bench to score in the double digits in the past two games.

Seniors Cieplicki, Chad Powlovich and Tim McCrory will play their last home game this Sunday at 1 p.m. when UVM hosts the Maine Black Bears.



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

**Sophomore Nick Vier (12) shoots over Hartford guard Jaret Von Rosenberg in UVM's win over Hartford on Feb. 20. Vier collected six points in the game, all of which came on three-pointers.**

## Good Week / Bad Week

**National sports in a nutshell**  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Good Week for the Denver Nuggets

Following a strong performance in the All-Star game the current ninth place team in the Western Conference appears to be on the rise after their impressive 124-118 victory over the Boston Celtics Feb. 13.

The Nuggets' performance was led by their two All-Star representatives and starters Carmelo Anthony and Allen Iverson.

### Good Week for the Atlanta Hawks

It's not just the Western Conference improving through trades anymore.

The Hawks acquired veteran point guard Mike Bibby from the Sacramento Kings this week, providing superstar Joe Johnson with some much needed help.

With Bibby now in the fold, the Hawks look poised to make a playoff run in a relatively weak Eastern Conference.

### Good Week for Keith Van Horn

Van Horn signed with the Mavs this past week to be traded back to New Jersey as part of the Jason Kidd deal.

The slow, oversized shooter, undersized big man will receive \$4 million for about a month's worth of work.

Damn good.

### Bad Week for the Washington Wizards

The Wizards have lost nine of their last 10 games, and have dipped below a .500 record, currently sitting sixth in the Eastern Conference standings.

The Wizards are also playing without their two best players, Caron Butler and Gilbert Arenas, who are both out due to injury.

### Good Week for Miami U

It was a good week for the University of Miami men's basketball team, who beat Duke for the first time in 45 years on Feb. 13.

Miami's Dwayne Collins scored a career-high 26 points to give Duke its second loss in four days, and the sports world a second chance to rag on Greg Paulus.

### Good Week for Ryan Howard

Howard undeniably had a good week, receiving a raise of \$9.1 million dollars after winning his arbitration case over the Phillies.

Howard made a meager \$300,000 in 2006 — the year the lefty slugger won the MVP — and \$900,000 last year.

It's like Tupac Shakur once said: "Picture me rollin'!"

### Bad Week for Kelvin Sampson

The now-former Indiana University head coach was forced to resign amidst allegations that he once again violated NCAA rules regarding phone contact with recruits.

The No. 15 Hoosiers will now be led by interim coach Dan Dakich, despite reports that many players insisted on assistant Ray McCallum taking over.

In the words of 1950s Hoosier legend Jimmy Chitwood, "There's just one thing... I play. Coach says. He goes, I go."

Yikes.

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

<b>Results</b> <b>Men's Hockey</b> Friday, Feb. 22 Win @ UMass-Lowell UVM: 2-1-0 - 3 UMass-Lowell: 1-1-0 - 2  Saturday, Feb. 23 Win @ UMass-Lowell UVM: 0-0-1 - 1 UMass-Lowell: 0-0-0 - 0  <b>Men's Basketball</b> Wednesday, Feb. 20 Win vs. Hartford Hartford: 36-46 - 82 UVM: 39-55 - 94  Saturday, Feb. 23 Win vs. UNC-Wilmington UVM: 38-46 - 84 UNC-W: 38-35 - 73  <b>Women's Hockey</b> Friday, Feb. 22 Win vs. Northeastern UNE: 0-1-0 - 1 UVM: 0-1-3 - 4	Sunday, Feb. 23 Loss vs. Northeastern UNE: 0-1-2 - 3 UVM: 0-0-0 - 0  <b>Women's Basketball</b> Tuesday, Feb. 19 Win @ UNH UVM: 25-36 - 61 UNH: 35-19 - 54  Saturday, Feb. 23 Win vs. BU BU: 27-29 - 56 UVM: 27-38 - 65  <b>Skiing</b> Friday/Saturday Middlebury Carnival Dartmouth 928.0 Middlebury 906.0 UVM 868.5 UNH 796.0 Bates 754.5 William 732.0 Colby 710.5 St. Lawrence 595.0 Harvard 407.0 St. Michael's 392.5	Bowdoin 248.0 UMass 76.0 BC 68.0 Colby Sawyer 67.0 Plymouth State 40.0  <b>Conference Standings</b> <b>Hockey East Men's Hockey</b> UNH - (17-4-2) Overall - (21-7-2) UVM - (11-7-5) Overall - (12-11-7) Boston University - (12-8-3) Overall - (14-14-4) Boston College - (10-7-6) Overall - (16-9-7) Northeastern - (11-10-2) Overall - (14-13-3) Providence - (10-9-4) Overall - (13-13-4) UMass Lowell - (8-11-4) Overall - (13-13-4) Massachusetts - (6-11-5) Overall - (11-12-6) Merrimack - (6-15-2) Overall - (12-15-3) Maine - (5-14-3) Overall - (9-17-3)	<b>America East Men's Basketball</b> UMBC (12-2) Overall - (20-7) Hartford - (9-5) Overall - (15-14) Vermont - (8-6) Overall - (14-13) Albany - (8-6) Overall - (13-14) Binghamton - (8-6) Overall - (13-14) BU - (8-6) Overall - (12-15) UNH - (5-10) Overall - (8-19) Maine - (3-11) Overall - (7-20) Stony Brook - (3-12) Overall - (6-21)  <b>Hockey East Women's Hockey</b> UNH - (17-0-1) Overall - (27-3-1) Connecticut - (13-3-3) Overall - (22-5-5) Providence - (10-6-2) Overall - (15-13-3) BU - (9-9-1) Overall - (13-16-3) Boston College - (8-9-2)	Overall - (13-13-6) Northeastern - (6-12-1) Overall - (7-22-3) Maine - (3-13-3) Overall - (4-25-3) Vermont - (2-16-1) Overall - (6-25-1)  <b>America East Women's Basketball</b> Hartford - (10-2) Overall - (20-5) Vermont - (10-3) Overall - (19-7) Albany - (9-4) Overall - (11-15) BU - (7-5) Overall - (14-11) Binghamton - (7-5) Overall - (9-16) UMBC - (5-8) Overall - (9-17) Maine - (4-9) Overall - (7-19) UNH - (3-9) Overall - (6-18) Stony Brook - (1-11) Overall - (6-19)
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# FACE OFF

ROUND 2: AUSTIN DANFORTH VS. LANCE MILLER

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY

It's mid-February which means it's time for the annual bracketology quiz. Who are the four number one seeds as of right now?

**AD:** In my book Duke, Memphis, UCLA and Kansas are the big four.

UConn is surging but still on the outside looking in.

UNC could finish the season, beat Duke at least once and maybe steal a spot. Texas could beat Kansas again and maybe win the Big XII, which would get them a win.

After beating Memphis, Tennessee is another one that could win the SEC and have a legit shot at a number-one seed.

But the first four have proven themselves to be the best and most consistent all season. The others have been close to great, like the big four, but those four have just been too good through now.

**LM:** Kansas is an all around solid team. They have dropped games to Kansas State and to Texas but I think they will win the Big 12 tournament and take the number one slot in their bracket.

Even though Memphis was beat by Tennessee on Saturday night, that will be their only loss of the season and they will still get the number one seed.

Tennessee knocked off #1 Memphis so there is no question that they will cruise into a number one spot.

UNC is going to win the ACC tourney and even though they lost at home to Duke, it was without Ty Lawson.

UNC will edge Duke when both teams are at full throttle. You can say what you want about Duke, but they have nothing to offer in the post.

According to Nets president Ron Thorn, the Jason Kidd trade to the Mavericks "appears to be a go." Does this make the Mavericks the favorite to win the West?

**AD:** First of all it's a joke that it "appears to be a go." Thorn runs the organization, he should "know." Second of all, this trade has been on and off so many times in the last week; I'm sick of it.

This is a great example of how far things have come in pro sports to the point where the athletes have more say over who gets traded than the teams that pay them. It's not your great-grandfather's sports world where Babe Ruth gets traded for startup capital for a theater production.

With that off of my chest: no, the Mavs are not the favorite. You've got the Lakers who added Pau Gasol, the Spurs (experience) and the Suns, whose crazy scheme for Shaq could yet pay off.

**LM:** The West is very competitive this year — the ninth place Warriors are only five games out of first as of Wednesday.

Adding the soon to be 35-year-old Jason Kidd does not make the Mavericks a favorite to win it. Kidd does not provide the low-post presence that Dallas seriously lacks. Eric Dampier is a lame excuse for a big man and that's all they have. You can't win the West without big men — that's a fact.

The Lakers are on fire with Gasol, the cinderella Hornets are still hanging on to first, Phoenix will be there down the stretch as well and the Spurs will resurrect again — once Parker comes back — to reclaim their throne.

It's mid-February and Barry Bonds still doesn't have a team to play for.

Do you think any team will pick up the controversial superstar and if so, who is the best fit?

**AD:** That is a great question and one not too many people are talking about.

Could he be picked up? Maybe — he can still produce homers, RBIs and walks. His numbers in his advancing age speak for themselves.

Which brings me to the question: should he be picked up? No.

One, he's old. Two, he's unbelievably controversial and three, he'll come with a hefty price tag. Maybe he doesn't even want to play that badly.

So I'm going pick on the Mets or the Dodgers here. They have the money and love to spend it in horrible ways.

**LM:** We will not be seeing Barry Bonds in uniform this season. He has no knees left and he's 43. There is way too much baggage that comes with his production (or lack thereof).

With that being said, would it surprise anyone if the Yankees picked him up?

Barry needs just four more RBIs to reach 2,000 for his career and 65 hits to reach 3,000. The Yanks are notorious for giving fat contracts to great hitters who have juiced (see Jason Giambi) and they do need a designated hitter.

The Yankees could be appealing to Barry: big money + small ballpark = homeruns.

But I could care less what happens to Barry Bonds. He could be a towel boy for the Kansas City Royals for all I care.



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## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

### Mardi Gras Madness

This just in: Tiger Woods is so hot right now.

See, Stewart Cink was pretty hot coming into Sunday's Match Play final, but Tiger is now 8-up with only 10 to play. I thought Cink would've faired a little better — I made a bet with a friend that the match would go more than 30 holes, he didn't think it would — but boy am I wrong.

The same friend I made the bet with asked the question, "What if he never loses again?" It seems now that this question is more relevant and plausible than ever.

We all know he's bound to lose, sometime. But boy, at the moment, I have to admit that one of the little voices in my head is saying, "You know...maybe he won't lose ever again..."

Watching Tiger continue this hot streak on the day after Memphis' unbeaten season came to an end, almost a month after the Patriots' perfect season came crashing down, really puts this debate right in my frontal lobe.

But I'm going to disengage the notion. What is really great about the Mardi Gras Madness weekend, aside from the drink-em-up-put-em-down Saturday festivities, is the fact that all of this happens at the same time.

In a Faceoff column a couple of weeks ago the idea was put forth that the weeks between the Super Bowl and March Madness are the doldrums of the sports-viewing world, I begged to differ and still do.

We have Tiger playing sparingly but also racking up strokes sparingly as well.

We have seen an incredible week from Marquis Blakely: 30 points, 20 rebounds on Wednesday against Hartford; then, 19 points and 19 rebounds in a win at UNC-Wilmington as part of the Bracketbuster weekend.

We have the hockey team streaking at the end of the season rather than the beginning, sweeping the weekend series at #18 UMass-Lowell and catapulting them into a tie for second place in Hockey East. That UNH series looms awfully large now.

But really, when you get right down to it (and I come back to it) we have college basketball, something that this time of the year makes more and more apparent each year.

Everyone goes gah-gah for March Madness and justifiably so. But, with the rest of the season overshadowed by the NFL and NCAA football, the month after the Super Bowl is nearly as important as March is for college basketball.

At last, basketball gets the face-time. At last, people feel tension for tourney time.

February and early March are the deciding months for NCAA teams — things shake down and teams are either hot or not.

So, Memphis vs. Tennessee, #1 vs. #2. Tennessee's gritty win only complicates the fight for #1 seeds in the Big Dance that much more. There are nearly 10 teams that could lay a claim to a top seed, depending on how they finish the season.

Unlike golf, the parity right now is what makes it so interesting.

But, like golf and college hockey, it's here and I'm loving it.

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### THE SCORE

IS IT MARCH YET?  
I'M READY TO DANCE.

LANCE 0  
AUSTIN 1

### THE SCORE

NO CLEAR FAVORITE IN  
THE WILD WEST.

LANCE 1  
AUSTIN 1

### THE SCORE

THE TOWEL BOY WOULD  
HAVE TO BE A DH.

LANCE 2  
AUSTIN 1

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Kesha Ram,

UVM Student Government Association President

Ed is a UVM Alumnus and Barb is a long time friend of UVM students. I know that from my past experiences working with them on the City Council, they are keenly aware of the issues affecting UVM students.

Scott McCarty,

Chair of the UVM SGA Committee on Legislative Action

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# Season in bloom: Spring Sports '08

**BASEBALL** 2008



University of Vermont CATAMOUNTS

**3 America East** Coaches' Preseason Poll

**Quick Facts**  
**First Year of Baseball:** 1888  
**All-Time Record:** 1458-1282 (110 seasons) (plus 34 ties)  
**NCAA appearances:** 1956, 1962, 1965  
 America East Championships: 2003 (regular season); 2006 (regular season)  
**2007 Overall Record:** 21-29  
**2007 America East Record/Finish:** 10-13/ fifth  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 13/7  
**Newcomers:** 13  
**2008 Captains:** Kyle Massie and Joe Serafin

**Opening Weekend**  
 Friday, Feb. 29  
 @ New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
**Home Opener**  
 Tuesday, April 15  
 vs. Dartmouth, 5:30 p.m.



## Fresh Faces in the UVM Dugout

By AUSTIN DANFORTH

Editor-in-Chief

Losing several players from last year's 21-29 campaign, the baseball team is bringing in a diverse group of players to this year's club.

Highlighted by transfers, promising freshman and two key veteran players who sat out last season, the Cats are ranked third in America East in Baseball America's pre-season poll.

Coach Bill Currier, in his 21st season leading the Catamounts, said he's looking to start freshmen at both shortstop and centerfield, in Matt Duffy (SS) and Mark Micowski (CF), but has high hopes for the return of junior pitcher Joe Serafin and senior infielder/outfielder Miguel Magrass.

Currier said he is looking to Serafin,

who comes off of a redshirt season, to be the team's number one starter.

Serafin brings an 11-5 record and big-game experience into his third season.

Magrass' return to the lineup brings back one of the conference's best bats — Magrass was a freshman all-American in 2004, when he set the UVM record for RBIs with 52.

Other important players this year will be senior captain Kyle Massie (3B), senior Kyle Henry (1B/P), sophomore transfer Justin Milo — who is currently sitting out a year before joining the hockey team as well — and freshman Jason Leclerc, who will probably see time at catcher, Currier said.

The season starts Feb. 29 at New Orleans; the Cats first taste of conference action will come April 4 at UMBC.

## Senior stand-outs lead softball

By JASON BUSHEY

Asst. Sports Editor

The 2008 women's softball team is coming off a 12-29 campaign in what was head coach Marcie Dickey's first season as skipper of the Catamounts.

The Cats are adding fresh faces to an experienced squad that includes senior school record-holder Aimee Kern.

A double threat at the plate and on the mound, Kern set a single season record in strikeouts last year with 171. At the plate, Kern led the team in average hitting at a .328 clip with five home runs and 16 RBI.

Joining Kern on the mound is junior Alison Daggett along with two freshman hurlers, Jocelyn Abaray and Caitlin Monahan, who will give the staff some much-needed depth.

Returning in the field this year is standout senior Sara Toczyłowski. The outfielder batted lead-off for much of last season finishing with a .312 average and sharing the team lead in home runs with Kern. Toczyłowski was also the only player last year to start in all 41 games.

The Cats will look to improve on their collective .219 average from last year. The return of senior shortstop Kate Haber, who missed all of last season due to injury, will certainly help the Cats cause — Haber hit .317 in 2006, her last season playing.

With the addition of three new bats — freshmen Caroline Goddard, Laura Stagliano and Christina Lusch — the Catamounts could be a surprise team in the America East, where they were picked seventh in the coaches poll.

**SOFTBALL** 2008



University of Vermont CATAMOUNTS

**7 America East** Coaches' Preseason Poll

**Quick Facts**  
**First Year of Softball:** 1979  
**All-Time Record:** 389-558 (28 seasons) (plus 3 ties)  
**NCAA appearances:** 0  
**2007 Overall Record:** 12-29  
**2007 America East Record/Finish:** 5-16/ seventh  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 7/9  
**Newcomers:** 7  
**2008 Captains:** TBA

**Opening Weekend**  
 Saturday, Feb. 23  
 vs. Dayton (in Atlanta) 10 a.m.  
**Home Opener**  
 Saturday, April 5  
 vs. Hartford, 12 p.m.



**MEN'S LAX** 2008




University of Vermont CATAMOUNTS

**5 America East** Coaches' Preseason Poll

**Quick Facts**  
**First Year of Lacrosse:** 1978  
**All-Time Record:** 190-202  
**NCAA appearances:** ?  
**2007 Overall Record:** 4-10  
**2007 America East Record/Finish:** 1-4/ fifth  
**Letterwinners Returning:** 21  
**Newcomers:** 18  
**2008 Captains:** Andrew Holden and Aaron Shore

**Opening Weekend**  
 Saturday, Feb. 23  
 @ Duke 1 p.m.  
**Home Opener**  
 Saturday, March 22  
 vs. Bellarmine 12 p.m.



## New leaders head a new team

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

As the 2008 men's lacrosse season is set to begin, a young UVM team will look to fight through a tough opening schedule and make their mark in the America East.

After a 19-7 loss at #2 Duke, the team will look to rebound on the road against an equally tough #3 ranked Virginia team.

Though the opening schedule is not easy, head coach Ryan Curtis wants to test his relatively young team early.

"We have a lot of guys playing significant time for the first time this year," Curtis said.

"[Duke and Virginia] are the two best teams we will see all year, but it certainly doesn't get any easier. We're

playing a tougher schedule this year."

With up to seven freshman set to see a lot of time on the field, Curtis knows that this year won't be a walk in the park, but he has realistic goals set for his team.

"Our schedule is not set up to go 12-4. We just want to go into conference play knowing that we've seen the best teams out there."

Curtis was also quick to give credit to his captains and the senior class that will lead what he called "an extremely different team this year."

"Our captains Andrew Holden and Aaron Shore have been an extension of the coaching staff, and the attitude as a whole has been tremendous."

**Coming up: Coach Curtis playing professional lacross**

## World Cup experience to give young team a boost in 2008

By LANCE MILLER

Staff Writer

The 2008 season looks promising for the women's lacrosse team. The team's first goal is to make it to the American East Championship tournament.

This summer's U-19 World Cup provided some valuable experience for junior Kristen Millar, sophomore Rebecca Baynard and head coach Jen Johnson, who is a two-time World Cup player and was a first-time coach for Canada this past summer.

"It's definitely an asset to have two players of that caliber on a team," Johnson said. "They are definitely role models that a lot of people look to,

based on the fact that they've played at a high level."

"If you have players doing their job and doing what they do well out there, then that speaks volumes over any verbal leadership that a coach or a player can do," Johnson said.

Johnson said that confidence will be the biggest issue for the young team, which has thirteen sophomores.

The team ended on a high note in fall ball with nice wins over Richmond and Navy; Johnson hopes that her two international players can stifle the potential confidence issue.

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# A PIRATE'S Life

Music theft on the high seas

By Magdalena Jensen

The Internet as we know it, spawned from work by the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in the 1970's (according to History of the Internet from ABC-Clío Press), provides the everyday user with a wealth of information; the world is a click of a mouse away, so to speak.

One of the beauties of this great behemoth of dot-coms, wikis, porn, electronic mails and the like is file sharing. Not only are we, the average computer-savvy collegiate, able to download Flo Rida's "Low" in a matter of minutes, we can also rip the pre-released version of "Be Kind Rewind" and laugh at Jack Black's antics even before he hits the big screen.

Yes, it is illegal to download copyrighted files from the Internet. Yes, music is copyrighted. Yes, films are copyrighted. No, we won't stop doing it.

How has this illegal phenomenon become more widely practiced than similar illegal trends (i.e. smoking weed)?

The Internet, ever the wealth of knowledge, provides detailed documentation of the rise and downfall of Napster.

According to [www.howstuffworks.com](http://www.howstuffworks.com), Napster was the evil monster that spurned a whole black market of music downloading.

Invented in 1999 by 18-year-old Shawn Fanning, Napster was born as a file sharing system that was able to quickly search and filter the music files of online users.

Not only did this spawn a new age of fast, easy and, most importantly, CHEAP music consumption, it also opened the debate as to the laws regarding intellectual property.

On Dec. 8, 1999, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) filed suit against Napster for copyright infringement. According to [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com), the RIAA sought reparations of \$100,000 per copyright-protected song swapped to date on Napster.

At the time, over 200,000 songs were available, meaning the enterprising Shawn Fanning would have a \$20 billion hole in his pocket. Several months later, the ninth circuit court of appeals ruled that Napster must shut down.

With Napster no longer operating as it once did (it is now a monthly music subscription service), impoverished music fans have turned elsewhere. The early Napster spinoffs, namely Kazaa, are still up and running, but increasingly popular is BitTorrent, a peer-to-peer file sharing communications protocol.

BitTorrent, as defined by CNet's Webware blog, is "an advanced peer-to-peer sharing technology that runs using a client system. It works by splitting up files into tiny bits of data that can be shared in any order. Even if just one person has an entire file initially, eventually after sharing it with others, the speed for downloading increases." To further simplify, bit torrents are a decentralized way to distribute music, kinda like the "pay it forward" of music.

What does this mean for you, the unsuspecting collegiate who just wants the latest Radiohead In Rainbows remix or Britney Spears single?

For those who don't want to pay 20 bucks to listen to Snoop Dogg drop it like it's hot, acquiring music is a tricky thing.

The music industry is changing; the tangled web of Internet downloads offers endless options, not all of them illegal.

Mandy Sutherland, WRUV Station Manager points out that, "Bigger underground bands use [music downloading] to their advantage because they want to expand their audience. For example, The Shins secretly released their album on purpose in January 2006 to promote themselves".

Other bands, such as Radiohead with In Rainbows, offer their albums for download to fans on a sliding pay scale.

Of course, you could take advantage of the iTunes' \$0.99 cent special... but if you were to count up some 40 gigs of music at a dollar a piece, you could afford to pay a music industry mogul's salary for a year. Sutherland adds, "Just \$1 a song seems a little extreme".

Proponents of illegal music downloading claim that illegal downloads help the little guy, the unknown indie rock band from Brooklyn or the rapper from Louisville just wanting to be the next Ludacris.

WRUV DJ Phantom Tollbooth (a.k.a. Matt Priven) claims that "illegal music downloading definitely

**"Money isn't always about the album sales, there is no better PR than rocking people's faces off"**

**-WRUV's DJ Phantom Tollbooth**

changes the experience of being an artist. The fact that technology allows us to cut out the middle man should be seen as a good thing. Money isn't always about the album sales, there is no better PR than rocking people's faces off."

But, the middle man will always complain and try to get their cut.

David Todd, UVM Chief Information Officer, claims that the RIAA has made a case to Congress using facts that have since been disproven.

The RIAA and Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) claimed that 44 percent of their revenue had been lost due to illegal downloading by college students, initially sending the higher education community into a state of dismay. "We spend a good deal of time thinking about this issue - and a good deal of time at conferences talking about how to deal with it," Todd said.

However, since the error has been corrected and only a third of the originally thought amount of revenue has been lost, higher education officials are less reticent to take up the industry's crusade against music piracy. "We in higher education do take this issue very seriously," Todd said. "but we wouldn't ship a list of students off to the RIAA [for persecution], that's just not what we do."

That leaves the decision up to you.

Granted, we all engage in illegal activity on a daily basis. However, are you prepared to pay up to \$200,000 for every copyrighted song you "borrow" from BitTorrent?



# PIRATE

HOW DO YOU  
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WHAT IS YOUR  
STANCE ON  
PEER-TO-PEER  
FILE SHARING?

WHAT IS THE  
LAST ALBUM  
YOU ACQUIRED?



Ben Post, freshman

"From friends, basically just plugging my iPod into friends' computers and pulling music off."

"I have no problem with it. People shouldn't get all their music that way, but getting some of it is fine."

"Jethro Tull's Greatest Hits."



Dave Andreini, senior

"Illegally, BitTorrent."

"I like it a lot. It definitely takes away from the profits, but I'll buy a CD if I like a band enough and it's not, like, the Beatles."

"Bob Dylan 'Blonde on Blonde.'"



Alena Warren, junior

"CDs from the library, iTunes store."

"I think it's OK, because I feel like most musicians get their money from live shows. I don't mind paying \$1 a track."

"In Rainbows' by Radiohead."



Molly Baird-Ashodian, sophomore

"I download it off of Emma's computer. My friend and I buy CDs together and burn it off each other."

"I don't know if I have a stance. I guess I want artists to make money but I know I'm not gonna buy every CD and I want to be able to listen to a lot of music. Sometimes I buy music off iTunes."

"I bought 'Big Willie Style' at the Possibility Shop for \$1."



Allison Naugle, junior

"Mostly from friends, but if I really like a song I'll buy it from iTunes."

I don't mind getting music from people but I'm afraid to download off of the internet because I don't want my computer to get viruses and I've had it wiped out before from viruses from files I've downloaded off the internet."

Elvis Costello, "This Year's Model"

## [SPEC]TACLE

LUNAR ECLIPSE  
Feb. 20**PHASE 1, 6:58 p.m.:**

- The shadow of the Earth crossing across the moon's surface.
- taken from the director's circle at L/L

**PHASE 2, 11:02 p.m.:**

- Most of the moon being enveloped by the Earth's shadow.
- taken from the third floor of U-Heights South

**PHASE 3, 11:05 p.m.:**

- The moon as it starts to glow red just as the Earth's shadow passes completely over it.
- taken from the third floor of U-Heights South

BY THOMAS FORD-HUTCHINSON





# New Low Power FM station radiates on air in Burlington

By CONNOR BOALS

Assistant Managing Editor — B-Side

Local radio listeners have been enjoying new sounds courtesy of "The Radiator," a new radio station that launched this fall in Burlington.

According to its Web site, "The Radiator" is a "newly licensed non-commercial Low Power FM radio station" that broadcasts using the frequency 105.9 WOMM.

Low power FM, as described on the Web site, is FM radio that was created by the FCC as a noncommercial educational service that provides opportunity for new voices that are in tune with local interests and needs.

After 1978, this type of radio was banned until FCC chairman William E. Kennard opened a recent one-time only 30-day bid for 100 watt noncommercial stations and "The Radiator" was born.

The station is completely commercial-free; "there are underwriters that get mentioned, but it is a non-call-to-action form," said executive board member and developer James Lockridge.

According to the station's Web site, its creation came through a partnership between Lee Anderson, proprietor of The Radio Bean, a well-known Burlington base for local music and art, and James Lockridge, executive director of Big Heavy World, a Burlington-based non-profit focused on preserving and promoting Vermont-made music.

The station's recording studio is located in a tiny second floor nook on 215 College St. in downtown Burlington.

Boasting diverse programming such as "Me at the Library, With You, Your Friends, and Your Relatives," "Beat up the poor" and "Snack Pack Sneak Attack," "The Radiator" has quite an eclectic mix.

However, Anderson sees a congruence amidst all the variety, saying, "we are really trying to exaggerate the similarities and the common denominators we share as a community in Burlington."

Lockridge echoes Anderson's sentiments with an even more altruistic outlook: "we are not running a radio

**"... taking a chunk of 3,000 recordings made by your neighbors, that's a service to your community."**

- Sean Larock

station because we want to be in the radio industry," he said.

Instead, he says that his goals are simply to provide an outlet and a community base for musicians and causes that stem from within the local Burlington sphere.

"In order to qualify to receive a Low Powered FM license you have to be a non-profit, you have to show whoever is reviewing your application that what you are going to be putting out on the air is educational, or a service to the community," said engineer Sean Larock.

"Us pumping in music on a satellite station from across the country is not a service to the community; taking a chunk of 3,000 recordings made by your neighbors, that's a service to your community."

Larock, a former electronics manager at Recycle North, met Lockridge at a conference a year ago, Anderson said.

While Lockridge and Anderson were raising money and developing programming, Larock "came in and accomplished a lot of the physical parts of the station," said Anderson.

Although still in its fledgling stages, "The Radiator" was an idea Anderson said he had been fostering for nearly a decade.

"Lee had a vision that was personal for him for a long time about the station, what the personality would

be like, what his station would be like," Lockridge said.

"What we wanted to accomplish at Big Heavy World was to create an original broadcast as a platform for young people to get involved in the industry and to pick up some skills and learn and have an outlet of communication for artists in the state."

Lockridge said that the goals of Big Heavy World and Anderson's goals "just dovetailed perfectly."

This is a goal that seems to have a common thread in the Burlington community.

"I've only been a part of this project for a year and people have heard about this station for four years now," Larock said. "The initial flood of people that came in [to be involved] were people that had just been chomping at the bit to do local radio."

So who are the DJs and how did they get involved?

"A lot was word of mouth, I specifically asked a lot of people to apply," Anderson said about the current programming schedule. "[The programming schedule] is not completely filled. We are still getting proposals constantly," Anderson said.

"There is one woman right now who is reaching out to the refugee community and it is going to be like different ethnic refugee groups come in and do shows," Anderson said. "There is a woman on Wednesdays that does a show called the Next Frontier about disabilities, specifically autism."

Paddy Reagan, a former UVM student, hosts "Hey Hi Hello!" on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m.

"A friend of mine and I, we found out about Lee getting together with Big Heavy World and found out that they were looking for DJs," Reagan said. "I figure as long as I'm around and [The Radiator] is around, I might as well, it's just two hours out of my week, it's so fun."

Reagan is also encouraging about anyone getting involved, including students.

"Volunteering anywhere is a great way to get your foot in the door, to do something," he said. "And as a college student you are broke anyway so you might as well put your time to use in a good way."

DJ Jim Murphy, host of "Full Steam Ahead," a program that plays "deep cuts active rock" on Fridays from 6-8 p.m., explains the trend in programming the station provides in a time when radio is considered a dying format.

"The only way to get people to listen to the radio is personality-based programming," he said.

He relates it to a time before there was a plethora of satellite broadcasts and a proliferation of computer downloading.

"The same way they did it in the old days, where you didn't listen to a radio station, you listened to a radio program," he said.

"You weren't locked into that station and that's kind of how 'The Radiator' functions. If you like what someone is doing, and you want to listen to some good old fashioned rock and roll, listen two to four — if you keep listening you are going to wind up listening to Bosnian monks for the next two hours."

"Maybe someone digs Bosnian monks, that's cool."

Emma Hazlett contributed to this article.

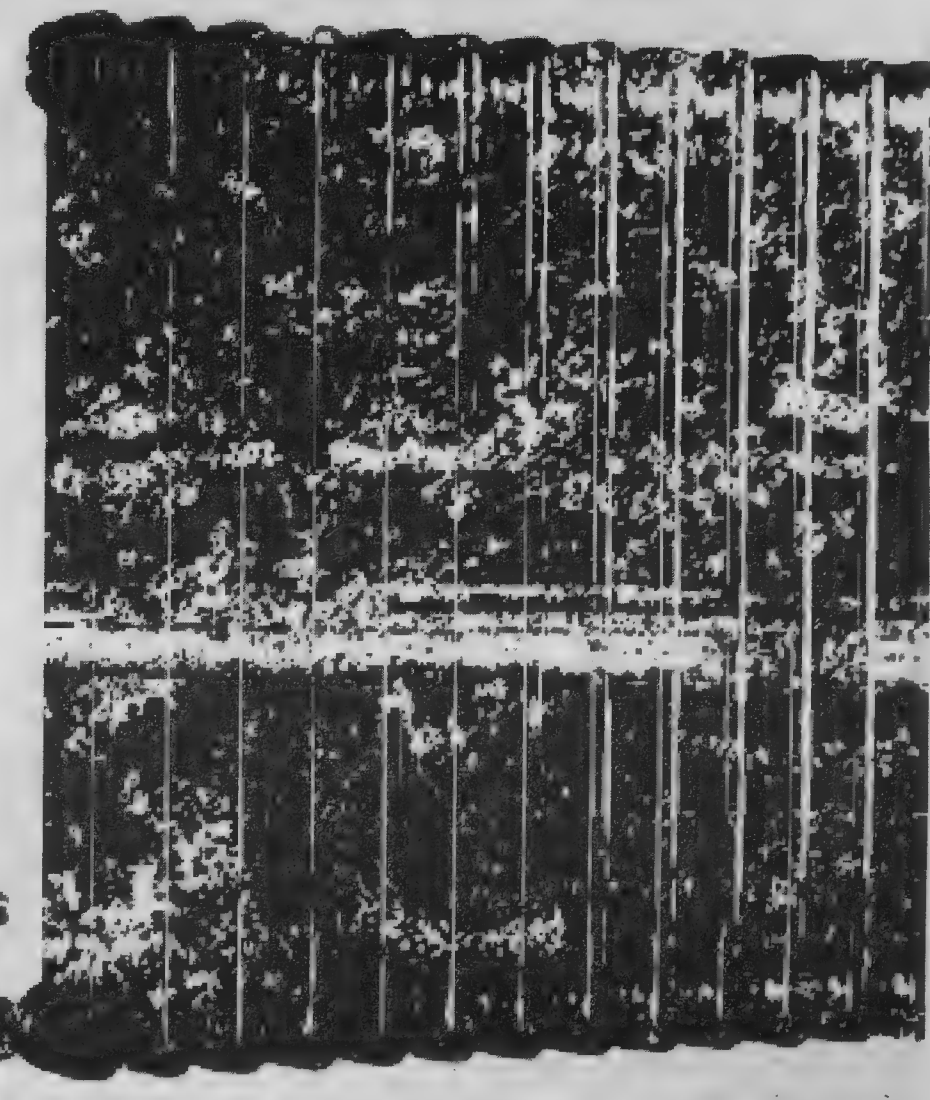
Right: Lee Anderson's "The Radiator" is completely commercial-free and boasts diverse programming put together by the efforts of volunteers in the community.



(All Photos by Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

Far Left: Station engineer Sean Larock works the boards. The FCC banned low power radio in 1978 until a window was opened, allowing new stations like "The Radiator" a one-time opportunity to tap into the community airwaves.

Left: James Lockridge in "The Radiator" studio at 215 College St. Lockridge is executive director of Big Heavy World, a non-profit focused on preserving and promoting Vermont-made music.



# IN THE STUDIO with

## Romans

In the land of jam bands and barroom reggae, this hardcore quartet stands alone.



(Bobby Bruderle/ Vermont Cynic)

Romans, from left Justin Guynea, Tom Kelly, Kevin Savage and Sean Martin at Wasted City in Colchester



(Bobby Bruderle/ Vermont Cynic)

Kevin Savage toys with some tracks in the sound room. He is the drummer for Romans, whose new album, "All Those Wrists" is due out in April or May and will be distributed by Sony.

By ANDREW DETULLIO

Staff Writer

Romans may seem like your typical hardcore band but, there's something strikingly different about them once you meet the members.

Tattooed on the forearms of bassist Sean Martin are portraits of Daryl Hall and John Oates; the band has a genuine desire to open for one of the duo's shows.

Made up of four Vermonters, Romans was formed last November from various pieces of several other local hardcore and indie bands.

Singer Tom Kelly, who plays synth, is also in The Hero's Cycle, guitarist Justin Guynea was in the now defunct Fire the Cannons with Sean Martin, who's also in The Year's Best, manning the bass and finally Kevin Savage, aka K-Savage, who is also a member of the newly formed and up-and-coming Dome, seated behind the drums.

K-Savage describes their sound as "faster and thrashy" while trying to stray away from math-core, a hybrid of math rock and hardcore.

He went on to say, "people categorize us in the same group of bands [as] Converge, Bosch, Isis, who are huge influences." Martin jokingly added, "Hall & Oates, the Doobie Brothers with Michael Macdonald, Chicago" to the list.

In a city or state not necessarily known for its hardcore scene, they have been embraced while garnering high praise from area critics.

On the subject, Sean Martin said, "it's really good to get recognized locally before you even go big because you need a strong showing at home." And indeed the scene is beginning to flourish, with venues like 242 Main in Burlington and the newly opened "Wasted City" in Colchester.

Savage went on to say "it's cool that it's there, it can only grow. The overall scene is kind of at a low right now, but I think it's coming back up."

Wasted City was opened by Tom Kelly and is a recording studio which features space for live performances.

Romans have recently been signed to the "Black Market Activity" label, a subsidiary of "Metal Blade" who is distributed by Sony. The band will be rereleasing their debut album "All Those Wrists," sometime in either April or May.

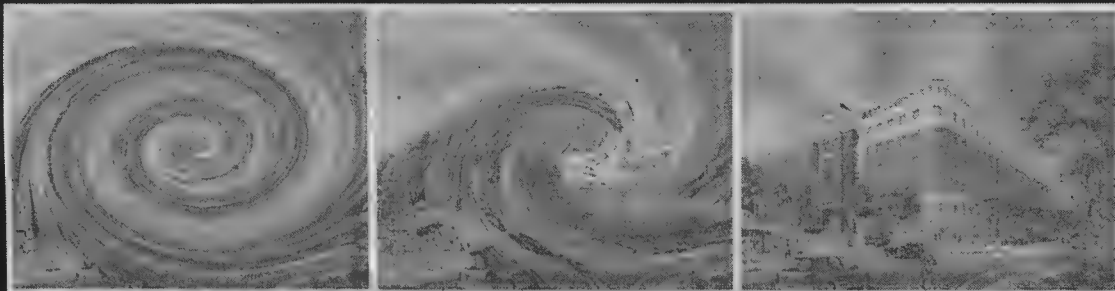
Savage said they will still employ a bare bones recording style by using an ADAT machine, similar to analogue and only use computers in the final mastering process. He went on to say, "I never thought we were going to release it on a major label, but it will do the album justice."

Within the Wasted City family, there are several other bands that record and practice there, not exclusive to the hardcore genre. Sean Martin relishes this fact because it allows the band "to branch out in the community to people who don't know you yet." Savage added, "new kids are coming and that's all that matters."

The band is gearing up for a Northeast tour with Architect out of Syracuse and Century hailing from Lancaster. Martin said they're planning a nationwide tour for this summer while still trying to play shows at their local haunts. For dates and a sampling of tracks from "All Those Wrists," check out their page at [myspace.com/romansnoise](http://myspace.com/romansnoise).

While Burlington is known for its eclectic music scene, few realize the presence of hardcore and more aggressive styles of music. But Romans has been trying to spread the sound while still holding onto their local and musical roots.

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## A gift better left unopened



**Amplive**  
Rainydayz Remixes  
(self released)



Sons & Daughters' latest album, "This Gift" is a disappointment. The opening riff is what has been come to be expected from these Glasgow rockers and the beat is just as clap-happy as their former work, but there is something missing.

That something is the spontaneity of their former sound; that unique country/blues/punk/indie blend that set apart Sons & Daughters' 2002 debut album, "Love the Cup". "This Gift" is full of pop and country, but their distinctiveness and the drive of their music has

faded along with the tempo.

Scott Paterson on "This Gift" plays a noticeably subsidiary vocal role to Adele Bethel, who dominates the tracks. Every time Paterson enters on the album it is only to compliment Adele; the powerful duets of "Love the Cup" are missing and the album is all the worse for it.

But the album is not without redemption. "Darling" is a toe-tapping hit that has made some progress on the UK charts and demonstrates the band's ability to write quality music.

"Chains" opens with a

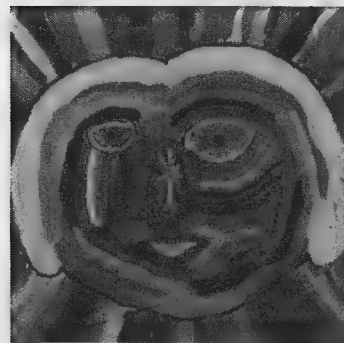
sing-songy yell reminiscent of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" but manages to transcend this faux pas and progresses to some swingin' music that should get you up and dancing.

"This Gift" may be poppy and Adele Bethel's voice may be slightly reminiscent of Gwen Stefani from the "Tragic Kingdom" era, but this album doesn't have anything to push it into recognition. However, it does demonstrate this band's potential and I have not given up hope for their sound.

### For fans of:

The Cardigans  
Chuck Ragan

## 14kt. gold Panther will dance your face off



**Panther**  
14kt. God  
(Kill Rockstars)



The first thing you will notice about this record is your inability to sit still. Charles Byron Salas Humara's infectious voice implores you to move and Joe Faustin Kelly's drum skills urge you in the right direction.

Not only does this duo have a solid album name (14kt. God... genius pun!), they have solid gold beats to back it up.

Part funk, part indie, part Charlie's falsetto croon, one cannot help but enjoy each and every track.

This über-hipster pair hails from Portland, Oregon, the newest hot city in the Hipster Handbook, so it

makes sense that there is a distinctly cool feel about the album.

The DIY element makes apparent its raw creativity; this is definitely a band that loves what they do and loves to push the beat, riffs and vocals to another level of innovation.

A quick stop at www.youtube.com and you can watch their "You Don't Want your Nails Done" video from their first album, "Secret Lawns". Not only does it take place in a cardboard box, but Charlie's distinct lack of Michael Jackson finesse somehow endears you to the obviously-I'm-too-cool-to-care attitude that pervades both their video and albums. Just because they give off that vibe, however, doesn't

mean they don't actually care.

The fifth track on "14kt. God," "Violence, Diamonds," is an ultra-catchy lament of the bourgeois female's need for diamonds and their connection to bloody conflicts. Don't write this album off as just another indie group trying to make it big; they are certainly worth a second, third and fourth listen. Just be sure to be on your feet, rockin out and bustin some Prince-style moves!

### For fans of:

Prince  
Kings of Leon

## Jumping without a parachute

By JORDAN THORSON  
Senior Staff Writer

"Underdone" and "disappointing" are the first two words that come to mind when describing Doug Liman's newest addition to his collection of Hollywood blockbusters.

I would have to say I expected more out of Liman, director of such notorious films as "The Bourne Identity," "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," and "Swingers."

It involved 14 producers (with bottomless pockets), three screen writers (who apparently couldn't get it right), four different locations and an original sci-fi concept. It is amazing that the film turned out to be so disjointed.

David Rice (Hayden Christensen) is a young boy struggling with his mother's abandonment and being a loser at school until he realizes that he can "jump" anywhere in the world, which he discovers, asking "did I just teleport?"

After leaving home he takes a liking to bank vaults at which point the audience is brought to an older, more sophisticated and much more wealthy David Rice (Hayden Christensen) sur-

rounded by pictures of all the places he likes to go on a daily basis. He takes advantage of his skill by spending his evenings on top of Big Ben, his mornings surfing in Fiji and his afternoons sunbathing on the Sphinx's head.

But of course, there has to be a bad guy. In this case it is Samuel L. Jackson sporting white hair and a blood-thirst for jumpers whom he thinks are an abomination and should be killed because, "only God should have the power to be everywhere at once."

But the award for best actor in an over-rated and under-acted movie goes to Jamie Bell (Billy Elliot) who plays Griffin - a fellow jumper who fills the archetypal role of the sarcastic and often violent comedic relief who ironically gives David a dose of reality.

As for the more touchingly human and personal aspects of the movie, Rachel Bilson plays David's love interest (since grade school) and the damsel in

distress. As for Diane Lane who plays David's mother, the audience is yearning for her to jump back onto the screen add some talent to the stagnant acting of Christensen.

Although I was kind of wishing Hayden Christensen would hearken back to his only good performance as a sniveling, pain in the ass in "Life as a House," his performance was alright. And while the directing and cinematography could have been better, the editing deserves an award for getting a truck to land in Antarctica and a double-decker bus to jump into the Sahara.

The film leaves you with unanswered questions (no doubt leaving room for the next two installments) and the feelings that comes with seeing a stereotypical Hollywood movie: poor, jealous and utterly insignificant. In essence, it's the type of movie you would put on as background noise while playing Kings on a Friday night.



## Diggin' in the crates

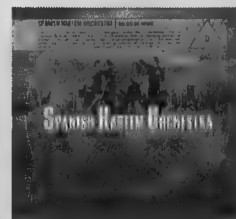
The B-Side raided WRUV's impenetrable music vaults and yanked some classic records. Y'all never been in the know like this before. This is the real deal and you — dear readers — need only reap the benefits.

L.J. Paladry, one of WRUV's DJs who specializes in world music and jazz, gives you guys the scoop on some of WRUV's essential global listening. You can hear his show, "L.J.'s Dream" every Sunday at 9 a.m.



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This excellent release by Saharan nomads from Mali further confirms the West African roots of American blues.



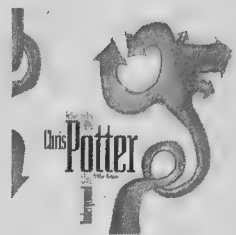
**Spanish Harlem Orchestra**  
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This is the third release from a great ensemble whose musical roots lie in the "El Barrio" section of NYC, this is "salsa dura" at its best.



**Maria Schneider Orchestra**  
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(Artist Share)

This composer/arranger/ big band leader does it again with inspired original writing which is accessible (even to non-jazz heads.)



**Chris Potter**  
Follow the Red Line  
(Sunnyside)

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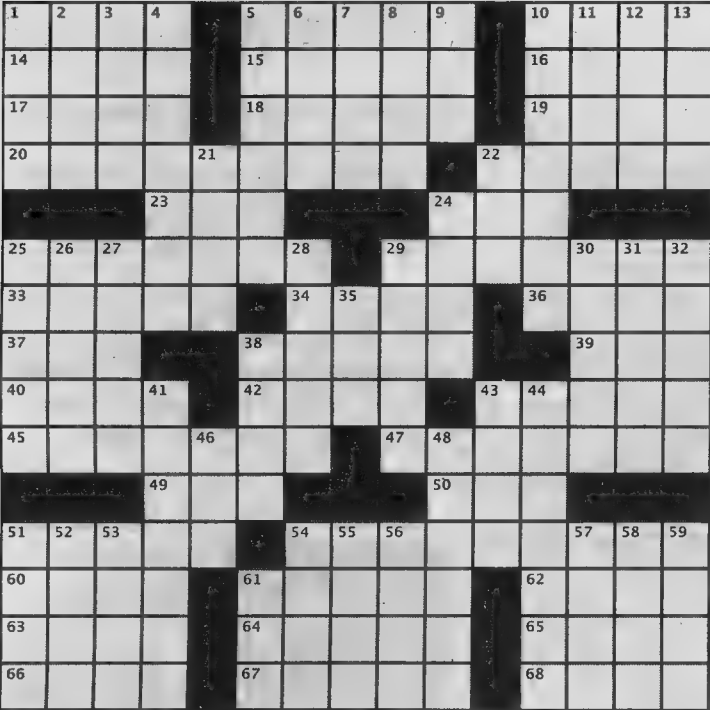
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- 5- Israeli desert
- 10- Gusto
- 14- French clergyman
- 15- Fragrant resin
- 16- Neighborhood
- 17- Roundish projection
- 18- Argument
- 19- Young salmon
- 20- Warm soft cotton fabric
- 22- Misplaces
- 23- The 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 24- Wager
- 25- Donothing state
- 29- Branch of mathematics
- 33- Currency unit in Nigeria
- 34- Sicilian volcano
- 36- Edible mollusk
- 37- Resin
- 38- Angry
- 39- Simplified version of the language Esperanto
- 40- Off-Broadway theater award
- 42- Intentions
- 43- Ecclesiastical rule
- 45- Vacuum tube type
- 47- Shouting
- 49- Female sheep
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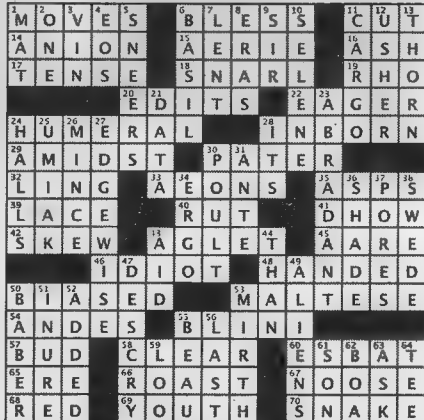
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- 3- Swedish pop band whose hits include "Waterloo"
- 4- Go in again
- 5- Sea god
- 6- 6th month of the Jewish religious calendar
- 7- Basic unit of heredity
- 8- Expel gas or odor
- 9- Bordeaux, e.g.
- 10- Indian of Oaxaca in Mexico
- 11- Historical chapters
- 12- Withered
- 13- Sailors
- 21- American space agency
- 22- Human limb, section of a journey
- 24- Boring, so to speak
- 25- Gold bar
- 26- Meat stew braised in red wine
- 27- Boundary
- 28- Strange and mysterious
- 29- Restless
- 30- Small yeast-raised pancake
- 31- Radioactive gas
- 32- Surrounded by
- 35- Male cat

### ACROSS

- 38- Walk in water
- 41- Soon
- 43- Semisolid mass
- 44- Montgomery's state
- 46- Nocturnal bird
- 48- Exit
- 51- Disrespectful back talk
- 52- Nipple
- 53- Type of song, to be sung solo
- 54- Warmth
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- 58- Hoar
- 59- Greek temple
- 61- Defunct airline

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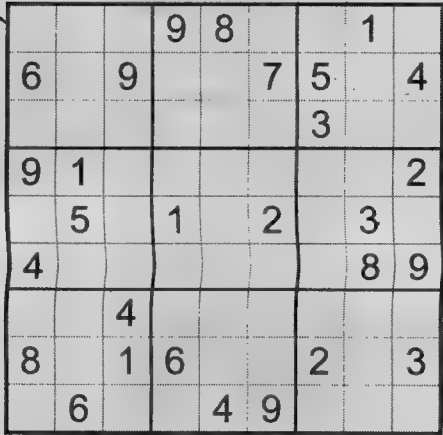


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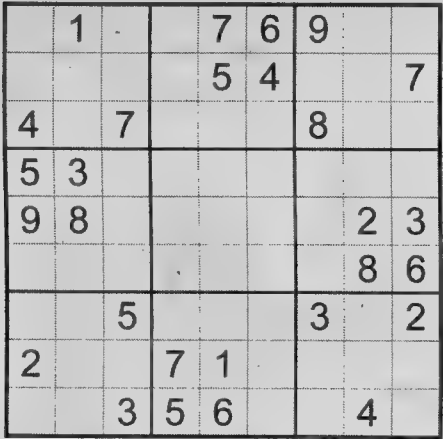
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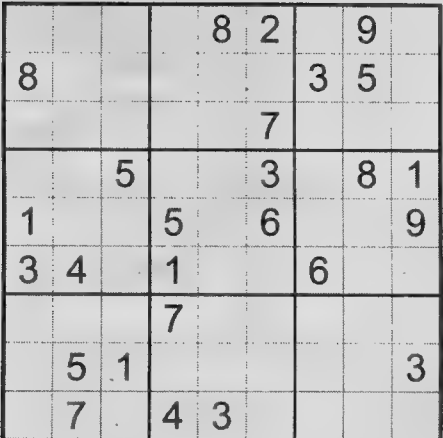
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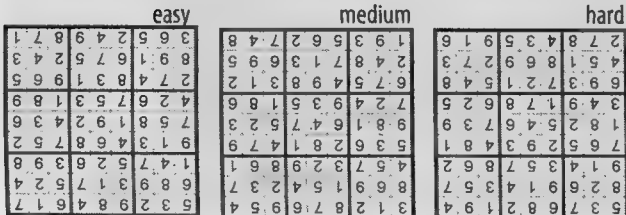
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"You can't fight city hall"



## Last Ditch Effort

By John Kroes





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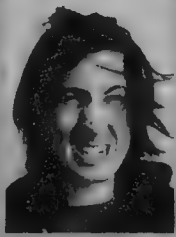
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Sam Maron, '08



Alessandro Ascherio, '08



Lindsey Gillies '10



Alyssa Samson '09

Did you know that snapple facts are not neccesarly true. What would you put if you had to come up with one?

Vegans save 95 animals per year.

We know more about space than we do about soil.

Pasteurized milk kills babies.

Americans eat enough grilled cheese in one week to feed the population of Latvia for a year.

Where is your favorite spot on campus?

On the steps of Waterman.

Anywhere outside, particularly the shire behind U-heights.

The L/L Fireplace Lounge.

The Southwick practice rooms.

What do you think about nuclear power?

Can you say "Chernobyl?"

Not worth it.

What about wind and solar?

Is it necessary?

Should we be worried about a Canadian invasion?

Canadians are nice.

Absolutely.

Obviously.

Constantly.

CYNICAL INQUISITION

Cynical Inquisitor: Josh Lee

This Week



2.26 - 3.3

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UVM PORTAL  
PROJECT - LMS  
Waterman 338  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

AWB FUNDRAISER  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

FILM: TRUTH BEHIND  
COCA-COLA  
Waterman 427A  
6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

SA CONCERTS  
MEETING  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

STAND WEEKLY  
MEETING  
Davis Center Williams  
Family Room  
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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STUDENT COFFEE  
WITH PRESIDENT  
FOGEL  
Davis Center Livak  
Fireplace Lounge  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

WORKING FOR  
THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT  
Davis Center Jost  
Foundation Room  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Billings North Lounge  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Davis Center Mildred  
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RACE AND GENDER  
IN THE FILMS OF  
STEPHEN KING  
Davis Center Livak  
Ballroom  
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

FREE SUSHI PARTY  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE  
DEMOCRATS WEEKLY  
MEETING  
Old Mill John Dewey  
Lounge  
6 p.m.

WINTER SOLDIER:  
IRAQ AND  
AFGHANISTAN  
VETERANS TESTIFY  
Davis Center Silver  
Maple Ballroom  
7 p.m.

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SHABBAT TO GO  
Davis Center Atrium  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

PLANT SALE  
Davis Center Atrium  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LGBTQA ALLY  
TRAINING  
Davis Center Jost  
Foundation Room  
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE  
VS UCONN  
Athletic Field 2  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

VAGINA  
MONOLOGUES  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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CHITTENDEN  
COUNTY 4-H HORSE  
QUIZ BOWL  
Lafayette L100  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

UNITY SUMMIT  
Davis Center Grand  
Maple Ballroom  
1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

VAGINA  
MONOLOGUES  
PERFORMANCE  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

THEATRE: COMPLEAT  
FEMALE STAGE  
BEAUTY  
Royall Tyler Theatre  
7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL  
VS MAINE  
Patrick Gym  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

UNIVERSITY  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA  
CONCERT  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WRUV STATION  
MEETING  
Davis Center Mount  
Mansfield Dining  
Room  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SASS SOCIAL  
BALLROOM DANCE  
Davis Center Grand  
Maple Ballroom  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

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JERUSALEM POST  
REPORTER YAAKOV  
KATZ  
Davis Center Mildred  
Livak Room  
12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

FEELGOOD GENERAL  
MEETING  
Davis Center Jost  
Foundation Room  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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MEETING  
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7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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## "That's what she said ..."

### Gag Order?

A sex and relationship conversation with "Dr." Laura

Dear That's What She Said,

Do girls find it nasty if a guy kisses them after performing oral sex? I hate to say this, but when a girl tries to kiss me right after going down on me, I want to gag. Is there a nice way to avoid this without offending her?

-Allergic to Myself

Dear Allergic:

You're right in thinking that avoiding a girl's kiss post-oral sex will probably offend her.

Here's the reason: she just put in a lot of time, energy and saliva to please you. Shying away for her 'thank you' kiss is pretty much a sexual slap in the face.

Not all girls feel this way, but a lot do.

And to be fair to the sexes, I know some girls that decline a kiss after they've gotten oral sex from a guy.

Of course there are ways this awkward encounter can be avoided.

It's a sticky situation (no pun intended), but you don't want to flat out tell her that she needs to wash out her mouth before she gets near yours.

The key here is to switch a girl's attention to something else before she realizes you're rejecting her.

Basically, you just don't want the following to happen.

She comes up to kiss you on the lips, you turn your head away and she feels completely dejected and used.

Then a woman has to think of something else to do, so she starts kissing your neck (you know this has happened to you).

So why don't you turn the tables?

As she's coming up from down-under, look into her eyes, gently grab her and pin her down to the other side of the bed and starting kissing her neck, earlobes, breasts or anything non-lip related.

A second option is to give her a quick smile before she kisses you and say "my turn."

This will quickly divert her attention and you can jump into giving her oral sex, thereby avoiding that oh-so-scary kiss.

So now that you have some post-head avoidance tactics, let's delve deeper into your fear.

Where does this phobia of your own semen come from?

Maybe you're afraid if you swallow some swimmers you'll get pregnant. I'm not really sure.

My friend Jason explained it like this, "Simple, guys don't want to taste themselves."

Maybe they're squeamish. Or maybe it's a flavor issue.

Well it's really not that bad, kind of tastes like super-salty melted Brie.

Or maybe in some strange way, the idea of semen touching a guy's lips brings out an inner homophobic fear.

At this point in your life, you have probably worked up an irrational fear in your mind about this hypothetical event, which must take away from enjoying your sexual encounters.

Instead of focusing on her man-juice lip gloss, close your eyes and think about how hot it was when your girl just gave the most amazing head — only seconds earlier.

So stop thinking so much about it, be a man and try it.

Either way, I say the whole issue is pretty silly. If you care about a girl and she feels inclined to kiss you, you should reciprocate.

E-mail your questions and comments to sexualchatter@gmail.com



### Men's Fashion 2008

Dear Men,

Why are so many of you afraid to discuss fashion?

Are you afraid that people will make judgments as to your sexual orientation?

Why do you loathe to actually admit that you get the teensiest bit of enjoyment out of shopping and putting together a nice outfit?

Even if shopping isn't the first thing on your to-do list, when trying to look sharp, whether it's for a date, your parents or just for the hell of it, there are some things that every man should know.

Number one: ordinary (quality, worthwhile) people will not think you are gay because you have a sense of style.

Number two: plenty of



Magdalena Jensen

## THREAD BARE



(all photos Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Menswear enthusiast Connor Boals shows off a winter blazer, a bow tie and leather shoes, three classic items for 2008.

straight men like to shop (it really is time to stop letting mom pick out your underwear).

Number three: it is a pleasure to see a man who takes pride in his appearance (no one likes a smelly, unruly, untamed person of either sex).

Now that you are theoretically enlightened in the wisdom of the "sartorial sages," allow me to spur words into action.

There are several ways that you, as a grown gentleman, can spice up your basic jeans, tee, hoodie and sneakers, and each involve layering.

**Blazers:** Blazers can be worn over sweatshirts, sweaters, tee shirts and tailored shirts. They should fit across the shoulders and, according to Scott Schuman on style.com, named Top

Design Influence in 2007 by "Time Magazine," "If you want to make sure that your jacket looks like it's done right, then make sure you're showing a half inch of cuff." Take liberties with the fabric: corduroy is best for autumn, velvet for winter, linen for summer and cotton for whenever.

**Vests:** Plaid, denim, corduroy, sweater, pin-striped... these are hot in all circumstances, especially if you add a bow-tie. Think New England prepster, just leave out the school uniform bit and keep it casual with jeans and messy hair.

**Cardigans:** Recent trend reports indicate that we are seeing a huge resurgence of the seventies. While that means wide-legged pants for women, it means cardigans for men (bonus points for elbow patches). Try vintage



cardigans for authenticity and the environment.

**Kicks:** Invest in some hot sneakers; high top, low top, Chucks, Nikes, Adidas. Just make sure they're comfortable because they are what you will want to wear with almost everything.

Notice how I said almost everything, that's because you really need to get leather shoes. Grown men wear leather, hard-soled shoes.

Bill Cunningham, fashion photographer and writer for the New York Times, recently clued men into brown shoes, calling them "the new black" and paying them homage with an 18-photo street fashion montage.

It is inevitable that you will dress for comfort. Only women are crazy enough to wear corsets and sky-high heels for fashion.

However, comfort does not preclude style. Translate what you find comfortable into a hot look. Not only will chicks crane their necks to stare, your steez (editor's note: style) might actually get you their number!

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(Above) The Four Corners of the Earth Deli, also known as Four Corners, serves a variety of food ranging from your basic sandwiches to a diverse array of dinner entrees. Located on 301 Pine St., the restaurant is open every day except Sundays.

(Right) Surrounded with numerous eclectic items, the restaurant maintains a Southwestern feel that is both cozy and low-key.

(Bottom) Ladislav Pancisin, the owner and chef of the restaurant, cooks a meal for customers in the open kitchen.

## The return from the sandwich dark ages has arrived

By SARAH ANDERS

Staff Writer

The first time that my friends and I drove by Four Corners of the Earth, we missed it completely.

Located in the basement of a brick industrial building, we had to drive up and down Pine Street twice before finally spotting the sign for the sandwich place.

Once inside, however, it became clear that Four Corners is not a place to be missed.

The restaurant is decorated like a slightly cracked-out dorm room. Colorful paintings line the walls, including one of the Virgin Mary with a visible heart. Statues of a happy genie and a my-size Barbie are strategically placed.

The Latin-American music added to the ambience.

The menu was a little bit overwhelming in scope. They offer everything from a BLT to a Jamaican Avocado sandwich, rendering the more indecisive among us speechless.

Even the drink selection was larger-than-expected, with exotic soda brands like Naked Soda and Izzie. Choices were eventually made, however, and we sat down to eat.

The food was unilaterally delicious. Made with fresh, quality ingredients and delicious bread, there was not a problematic sandwich in the bunch.

Most sandwiches had some form of lettuce, on-

ions and mayonnaise, but beyond the basics, no two were alike.

One of my favorite dishes was the greek artichoke sandwich, which had an excellent use of balsamic vinegar.

The Japanese tuna, a soy-flavored tuna sandwich, was also a hit and a far better option than the traditional American lunchbox fare.

The Hawaiian Ham was both sweet and savory, a delicious combination of both ham and pineapple. Though the proportions were, for the most part, expertly done, it would have benefited from less mayo.

The Thai Chicken was also a little bit heavy on the mayo and, though delicious, had my eyes watering with its unbelievably spicy peanut sauce.

Though the Vermont Ham was excellent, with extremely fresh tomatoes, it probably behooves the customer to experiment with the more unique options available.

After all, there aren't many places that offer an Argentinian Beef sandwich with pickles—and pull it off well.

Four Corners emphatically rescues sandwiches from that dark, crustless era of before, when cucumber was considered an acceptable filling and when Wonderbread was gourmet.

Go, and share with your friends so that you can sample more of their extensive menu.

And be careful not to drive by it the first time around.



## Lou's News:

A Not News Report by Louis Armistead

### Study of Health Effects of Nintendo Wii Discovers Nintendo Wii to be Awesome

In a recent health class project to look into the physical benefits of playing active video games, one particular group found the Nintendo Wii to be "awesome."



"We were just going to chronicle how playing a virtual mobile game effected caloric levels in the human body, but I had no idea that the Wii would be so cool!" group member Sarah Blinta said.

"I mean you play tennis, but you're actually...like...playing tennis!"

Having no previous experience with Wii and having very little prior familiarity with other gaming systems, the group was won over in a matter of minutes after starting a bowling game.

"I didn't really know what to expect at first," research partner Julie Bedpileau said. "But after a few games of golf, I was completely hooked!"

While the research group has failed thus far to document any scientific evidence of how exercising with modern gaming modules works to lower cholesterol and increase physical energy, they have been able to reach numerous high scores in bowling and tennis.

Some are even bordering on reaching the coveted "pro" status in baseball and boxing.

This scientific study has gone so well that the students in question have even called their parents and requested to do independent studies on the this "extremely important and awesome" subject.

Timothy Aughten, a Montpelier born member of the group, says that if need be, he can drive home and take his little brother's Wii "while he's sleeping."

While normally Aughten would let his little brother be, his recent loss in a boxing match to a female group member has warranted the need for further experimentation.

While the group has thus far failed to document how a daily regiment of Wii Fitness would work with a well planned diet, they have done a considerable amount of research into how playing Wii pairs up with bong rips and thirty racks.

"In most video games, you have to usually pause and put your controller down when the blunt gets passed to you," one more video game experienced group member reported.

"But with Wii bowling for instance, the time spent waiting for your turn is the perfect time to smoke the bowl and drink beer while the game remains virtually unaffected."

While the group failed to do a coherent presentation into the health effects of motion sensing gaming, their independent work has been going swimmingly.

"I'm a pro at every game now," a high strung Sarah Blinta said. "I wonder what other games they have for Wii. What's that? Mario Galaxy? Oh man, it's gonna be a good summer!"



# BEARING IT ALL

## What does it take to be the only naked person in the room?

By JUSTIN LANE

Senior Staff Writer

We've all had that "naked" dream. You go to school, you're in class, and you're naked. Even worse, people notice.

So it takes a special person to get up in front of a group of strangers completely naked, and say, "Here, paint me."

At UVM's art department, and in majority of art studios around the country, nude models are often used to help teach students how to draw the nude body, said Chris Campbell, a Senior Lecturer in the Art Department.

The number of models who have volunteered varies from semester to semester, Campbell said.

"We have usually about 10-15 [nude models] at a time," she said, usually working alone or with one other model.

Generally, these models are employed for a five-week period for a specific figure drawing class said Campbell.

But what's it like?

Keri Johnson, a UVM alumna, said that posing times can run as long as six hours (in a 20 minutes on, five minutes off format) or as short as 30 seconds. However, sometimes, "You just hold it till you can't hold it anymore," Johnson said.

Most of us couldn't imagine being under that kind of physical stress, being perfectly still for hours on end and being completely naked all at the same time.

But for both Johnson and fellow model, David Helfand, although it starts off difficult, it gets easier.

"It's not awkward," Helfand said. "If anything, it's just the opposite. The first class each semester is a little bit of an adrenaline rush."

However, according to both models and instructors, there are certain other things that help nude models.

Many of the models are dancers or practice yoga or other forms of meditation, giving them an intimate connection with their bodies, Campbell said.



(Figure drawing by Kaitlyn Gardner)

A drawing out of Chris Campbell's Drawing I class last year. This picture was made by splashing water on the paper then going on top of it using ink-dipped brushes.

Johnson, who is a yoga instructor, believes that modeling nude "made [her] far more comfortable with [her] body and with [her] sexuality."

This comfort level may explain why there are many more women modeling than men.

At UVM there about three male models compared to about 10 female models Campbell said.

Johnson seems to believe that the disproportion is because of "men's comfortability with their own body and feeling objectified."

A lot of men may be wondering about embarrassing situations, such as getting erections during a session. Helfand, however, seemed not to be too worried.

"It's my body, no excuses. I use meditation and I can control my body," Helfand said.

However the idea of bearing your all to a group of strangers in a closed room could cause worry about what happens outside of the classroom.

But Johnson hasn't had any trouble. "For the past three semesters, every semester, I've had at least one of my yoga students in a class," she said.

"My roommates think it's funny to see paintings of me naked in Williams. They tease me a little for that," Helfand said.

Oftentimes, models will see students outside of the classroom as well.

"I was at a party once and I ran into someone and we tried to figure out where we knew each other from, until it was like 'Oh! You've seen me naked!'" Helfand said.

But what exactly does it take to be a nude model?

Campbell said that there are three main things:

One, you have to want to do it.

Two, you have to be totally



(Figure drawing by Liz Crawford)

Another drawing from Chris Campbell's Drawing I class. This lesson involved using color ink to engage mood and create movement.

comfortable with yourself. Usually, experience in dance or yoga helps.

Finally, you have to be professional. "It's about visual qualities rather than sexual," she said.

If you think that you have to be a runway star or a bombshell to do this, Campbell said that's not true.

"We have had really big models before", Campbell said, "one was around 300 pounds." Curves, she said, are actually easier to draw.

In fact, there is great agree-

ment between the models and instructors that women are easier to draw than men simply because male muscle definition is hard to capture correctly, whereas female curves are much easier to put on paper.

After speaking with the people involved, both those clothed and unclothed agree that a good sense of humor and a personable façade seem to make the task of being the only naked person in the room bearable and sometimes even fun.

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## A-broader view

### Nude Modeling: The hardest part isn't parts getting hard

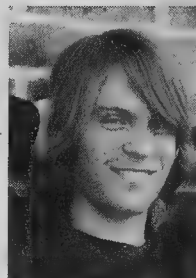
It's funny how far one can come in four years.

My junior year of high school, I was typing price changes into a cash register at Eckerd Pharmacy, being paid minimum wage to act brain-dead for six hours a day.

My junior year of college, however, I'm standing naked in front of 30 people, being paid \$18 an hour to act like I'm "a frog" or "feeling triumphant" for two hours a night.

Such is the life of a University of Kent life model.

Pints don't come for free and with the money I had saved over the summer dwindling fast - no thanks to over-my-head economic voodoo involving the exchange rate - it was high time I went job hunting.



Foreign Correspondent

Stephen R. Hausmann

My choices were limited. The fish-and-chip shop down the street was hiring, but reeking of vinegar and cod every night, seemed less than appealing.

The on-campus dance club was looking for people, but for sanity's sake, I decided not to subject myself to non-stop, terribly over-bassed, house music three nights a week.

Options wearing thin, I came across a peculiar ad: "Wanted: Life models for U of K Art Department. Men and women. Clothing Minimal."

Clothing minimal? I didn't want to be known as "the naked guy."

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Yes, things had happened at parties that shan't be spoken of here.

But did I really want to cross the final frontier?

Was I comfortable enough with my body to throw it onto canvasses across England?

Two weeks later, I was at my audition, being asked to act like I was using a "pneumatic drill."

I couldn't imagine what kind of class this was that I would be painted jackham-

mering, but I complied and apparently was convincing enough to be awarded the job.

Thus, the next entry in my resume: Eckerd cashier, Wegman's cart-collector, Erie Canal tourboat guide, nude model.

And really, it's harder than you'd think and for different reasons than you'd assume.

I'm often asked (by guys, typically) about a certain worry over semi-controllable bodily - exercises.

My answer is that when you've been standing in place, in a hot room, for 12 minutes, with muscles you never knew you had flaming with pain, erections are the least of your worries.

Self-consciousness also isn't much of a concern.

One needs to be more than somewhat confident in his or herself and ones body to apply for such a job in the first place and I have nothing that most of the people in the room haven't seen before (or so I presume).

The hardest part isn't parts getting hard, nor is it worries over body image. It's the itching.

The moment you freeze in place, pretending, for instance, you've just been stabbed on a battlefield, immediately your face needs to be scratched, your leg needs a scratch and oh man, the small of your back just YEARS to be itched.

It all boils down to mind over matter; keep an eye out for me straining to hold still, coming soon to an art gallery near you.



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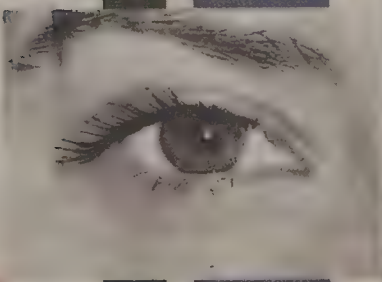
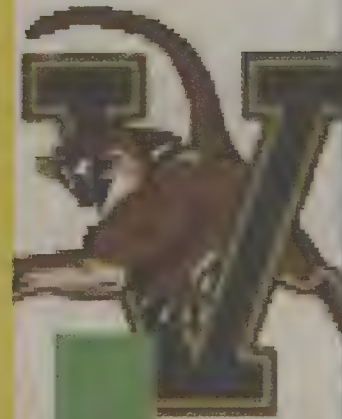
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There are more than just Catamounts roaming the streets of Burlington. *The Cynic* takes a comparative look at the lives and livelihoods of students that attend Burlington's three major institutions: Saint Michael's College, Champlain College and of course, UVM.



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## Clinton kid stumps at UVM



Chelsea Clinton answers a UVM student question during a Q and A session on Friday in the Davis Center Atrium. (Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

By JEREMY SPIRO-WINN

Op-Ed Editor

Burlington received rare attention Friday as Democratic contender Hillary Clinton's daughter Chelsea visited the state to campaign for her mother.

Vermont has become uncommonly important in this year's primary battle be-

cause of an unusually tight race between the two leading contenders and the resulting designation by many of the slew of primaries on Tuesday, which includes Texas, Ohio and Rhode Island in addition to Vermont as bearing critical importance for the race.

After eating at Uncommon Grounds on Church Street, Clinton came to the Dudley

Davis Center for a question and answer session.

Attendees filled the main floor and lined the stairways leading to the top of the atrium.

Countless attendees could be spotted holding up campaign signs, and wearing but-

CLINTON - 4

## Freshman films girls in bathroom

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Managing Editor

University of Vermont freshman Jordan Yarosh, 18, of Merrick, N.Y. was arrested for allegedly filming students in Sichel Hall restrooms, UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis said.

Yarosh, a resident of Sichel Hall on Trinity Campus, used an alarm clock with a hidden camera from Sharper Image that he received at the end of the summer in 2007 to film "female residents getting undressed without their knowing," according to the police affidavit.

Yarosh told police that he had a "different personality" when he used the camera and also mentioned "he knew this part of him was 'sick,'" according to the affidavit.

The camera was discovered because "somebody thought what they were looking at was suspicious and as a result we were able to take that and make an arrest," Margolis said.

Yarosh was arrested on Monday, Feb. 25 and charged with three counts of voyeurism, Margolis said. Yarosh is "suspended" and "no longer affiliated with the University."

According to the affidavit, Yarosh used his Mac PowerBook G4, one of two computers that police confiscated from his room, to connect to the alarm clock camera and download the images.

Yarosh filmed girls in the bathroom without their clothes around four to five times but "not more than seven," according to the affidavit.

Yarosh and his family were unavailable for comment.

"I am speechless," Sarah Bicknell, a freshman Trinity resident said. "People are sick and I don't know why anyone would want to see that."

According to the affidavit, when asked if he used the images for sexual gratification he responded that yes he did and said, "What other 'use would you get out of it?'"

Yarosh indicated that he never shared the images with anyone, according to the affidavit.

Assistant Residential Director for Trinity Campus, Hannah Roberts, was on duty when Yarosh's RA from Sichel called to report the incident, according to Roberts.

"I spoke with Jordan and then he ended up talking with the [UVM Police] officers," Roberts said.

Roberts said she was also involved with "a number of other Residential Life officials and other officials on campus

[who met] with the students in that building earlier this week to talk about how everyone was feeling and things of that nature."

Students on Trinity are still working to get over the shock of something like this happening in their small community.

"I am a little bit shocked," said UVM freshman Eric Churchill who lives in Ready Hall, which is right next to Sichel. "It surprises me that it happened right here in the building adjacent to mine. When I first heard, I thought it was a joke a friend was playing on me."

"It's really scary because we are living with these people," freshman Alex Williams said.

Yarosh will appear in Chittenden District Court on March 19.



An alarm clock similar to the one used by Yarosh.

## Arson sparks controversy in Jeanne Mance

Unidentified arsonist sets fire to poster, anti-police graffiti occurs simultaneously

By BEN CONARCK

Cynic Correspondent

Police have not yet identified a suspected arsonist who set fire to a poster in the second floor hallway of Jeanne Mance residence hall on Friday, Feb. 22, according to a UVM police report.

UVM Sophomore Coco Zephir lives in the dorm room adjacent to where the fire took place.

Zephir said that her friend who was visiting the school that weekend was returning to the room after he had left to get a glass of water when he saw the fire and extinguished it.

"Up until this point I have never really thought about fire in the dorms or any sort of immature dangerous acts," Zephir said.

"What if my friend had not gone out there? It's a little frightening to think that in a close community like Jeanne Mance things like this could happen," Zephir said.

The act of arson was accompanied by a derogatory insult written in black marker outside the apartment of Assistant Residence Director Hannah Roberts, which is located on the first floor of the building, Roberts said.

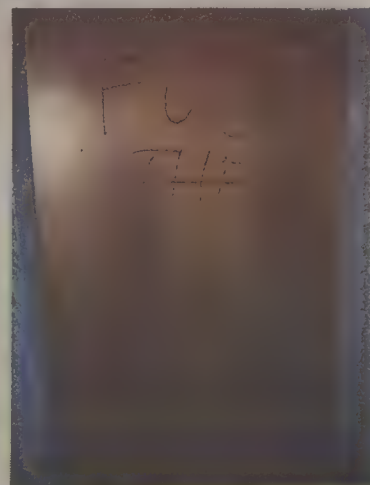
There had been documentation earlier that night of il-

legal activities that some students were particularly upset about, Roberts said.

After the documentation, Officer Christina Coyer warned her she was "99 percent certain" there would be an act of graffiti that night, Roberts said.

Roberts said Officer Coyer then offered to have a police officer present in the building throughout the night.

JEANNE MANCE - 2



(Ben Conarck/Vermont Cynic)

Grffiti inside Jeanne Mance hall.

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"It was my call to say 'no' and then, indeed, there was [an act of graffiti]. I have to live with that," Roberts said.

"It's hard for me to know that we could have been a little safer and I made the call not to because I don't want the police here. The police can create an uneasy tension and I don't want the students to live with that.

"But at the same time, I've got other students coming to me and saying, 'I feel much safer with the police here' and 'thank you for having them here,'" she said.

### The Writing on the Wall

UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis said that on Saturday, Feb. 23, hateful messages written in black marker towards police were found on the walls and in the kitchens and bathrooms of multiple floors in the building between the hours of one and two in the morning.

Roberts said that she could understand some students being frustrated with the police presence, however the acts of vandalism that occurred on Saturday night were unacceptable.

"I think the students have a right to their anger; they have a lot of right; but the amount of hate speech that was all over our building that the residents are now cleaning off of our walls," Roberts said. "That is not activism. That is aggression."

Roberts had spoken with police earlier Saturday morning about their plan of action for that night.

"I had told them I wanted their presence in the building because of a serious case of arson, that's a serious safety concern. So we asked them to be here throughout the night on Saturday and I think they had been doing walk-throughs about every hour."

Alex Kormos, a sophomore who lives on the second floor, said she no-

ticed the graffiti around 1:30 a.m. after she had just been outside to get water about two minutes earlier.

"We had RA's walking the floors so whoever did it obviously went out of their way to really get there and get it on the wall," Kormos said.

"I was really outraged. It's hard to see that kind of stuff happening in your community," Kormos said. "You would expect to be able to see at least someone running away from the site."

Sophomore Aaron Backer, who lives on the third floor of the building, said the police came knocking on every door on his side of the third floor hallway after discovering the graffiti.

"They came into my room at two in the morning, knocked on the door, and pointed to my friend Tony," Backer said. "They took off his jacket, patted him down, and then told him: 'You're good, go back in.'"

Roberts said she was not present for the entire investigation on Saturday night, but has heard some students' allegations of illegal searches that night after the graffiti was discovered.

"I think there are certain incidents where students have felt targeted or unfairly searched," Roberts said.

Derick McGiveny, a freshman from the third floor, says he was questioned by the police on both Friday and Saturday night.

"Ever since [semester] break, weekends got more and more intense and more and more incidents happened," McGiveny said.

"Things got out of context and now peoples' names are being thrown around. They told us they are watching our side of the hall, the cops and Hannah," he said.

### Police Presence

Roughly two weeks before the weekend of vandalism, Roberts and police officers met with residents on every floor of the building to discuss the increased use of drugs and alcohol and increased vandalism, Roberts said.



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Jeanne Mance Hall on Pearl Street. Jeanne Mance Hall is the site of an arson incident and anti-police graffiti.

"I think that was a really proactive meeting on our part to say that we know what's going on, we're concerned, and to clarify policy," Roberts said.

"We made it very clear that the police probably wouldn't be going away until the behavior stopped, and so I think the students were unhappy in general about the police presence," she said.

UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis said his main focus is to help the students in need.

"The reason the police exist in society is to provide services when people are in need, and unfortunately, there's been a need in Jeanne Mance," Margolis said.

"Every residence hall is cyclical in that regard. Sometimes in different times, in different years, in different halls: there are different problems."

I'm not saying it's a waste of our time or that it's a good use of our time. It's our time, that's what we do; we're here to help," he said.

### Critical Incident Meeting

On the Saturday morning before the second incident of vandalism occurred, Roberts said a decision was made between her and Christina Olstad, an assistant director for Residential Life to call a "critical incident meeting" to be held on Sunday at 10 p.m. in the Jeanne Mance recreation room.

Roberts said the meeting was an open forum with 95 percent of the 150 students in the building in attendance.

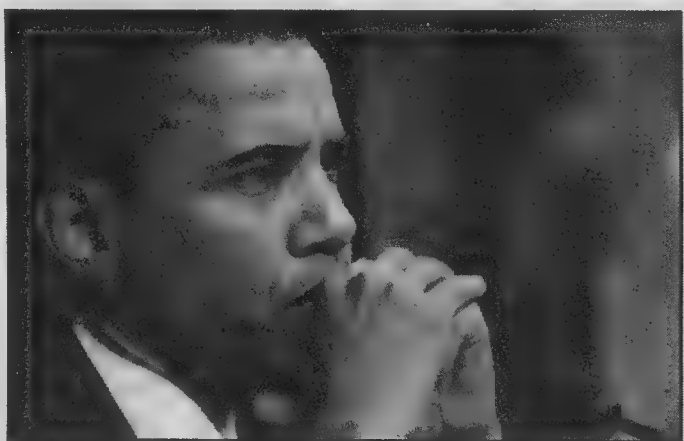
"I think the meeting went pretty much as well as it could have gone," said Roberts. "The only way it could have gotten better is if someone had taken responsibility."



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# Sentence deferred for Glynne graffiti



(Paul Cooley/Vermont Cynic)

Graffiti posted in late October reading "Glynne is a heterosexual shithole" after his tiebreaking vote against an SGA resolution to remove the Red Cross from campus. The student responsible for the graffiti was charged with unlawful mischief.

By STEPHEN CONNOR

Cynic Correspondent

UVM police identified and arrested the man behind the spray-painting in the Living and Learning complex that happened late last October in response to a SGA resolution regarding Red Cross blood donation and gay men.

"Mike Glynne is a heterosexual shithole" read the graffiti.

Charles "Andy" Black, 20, of Southboro, Massachusetts, a UVM junior, appeared in court on Dec. 3 to answer the charge of unlawful mischief resulting in more than \$250 in damage, according to the official court affidavit.

The misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and/or a \$1,000 fine.

Black was also cited in the affidavit to admitting to other acts of vandalism around campus, including those at the Davis Center and Patrick Gymnasium.

Police identified Black with the aid of an unidentified L/L resident after Black had allegedly told her that he was responsible for the spray-painting on the wall of Building E.

According to police, they were able to connect Black with the other acts around campus by his tag, "AWK".

The vandalism was targeted towards SGA Speaker Mike Glynne, apparently in response to Speaker Glynne's tiebreaking vote which defeated the Senate's resolution condemning the Red Cross' accordance with current Federal Drug Administration

(FDA) prohibition on the donation of blood by men who have had sex with other men since 1977, and due to its discriminatory nature, wanted the Red Cross banned from campus.

"The resolution wasn't going through the right avenues," Glynne said.

"The Red Cross must follow the FDA guidelines for blood donation, otherwise they can't collect blood. It's not the Red Cross' issue, it's the FDA's issue.

"The resolution was amended 12, 13 times, and it wasn't even read on the floor before the vote," he said.

Glynne also said that he was "accosted" by the sponsor of the resolution after the piece was defeated, telling him that he had "set back the gay community 10 years" and that "my gay brothers and sisters are crying tonight" because of him.

Glynne said he was treated unfairly by a majority of the gay community.

"To be honest, *The Cynic* as well. It seemed I bore the brunt of this conflict, I mean, the headline read, 'Glynne e votes No,' people forget that 15 other members of the Senate also voted no," Glynne said.

There seemed to be a lot of hate directed at him from the gay community, Glynne said, but that he had a long discussion with Dot Brauer, LGBTQA Services Director regarding the issue.

Glynne said that Brauer was one of the first members of the University to come out and speak on behalf of the resolution.

"She was all in favor of the resolution, she thought of it as an effective example of political activism," he said.

After Glynne had been harassed by community members following his vote they "talked for two hours and she said she didn't condone the actions of the community against me, but she could see where they were coming from."

Brauer was unavailable for comment at press time due to travel engagements.

LGBTQA Services Education and Outreach Coordinator John Mejia was also unavailable for comment.

Student reactions to the incident seem to indicate that this is still a highly-charged issue and that feelings haven't diminished since the vote or the spray-painting.

One freshman member of the gay community at UVM, who wished to remain anonymous stated, that he "couldn't see why Black lashed out at Speaker Glynne, after all 15 other [members of Senate] also voted down the resolution."

"Being gay at UVM really isn't that hard, it's a pretty open and welcoming community," he said. "I don't agree with the Red Cross' opinion of us, they still serve a very important function collecting blood."

Hilary Kulakowski, a sophomore, thought the spray-painting was "very nasty and immature" but was "shocked that the resolution didn't pass."

"I thought the whole school was in favor of it," she said.

"Two other schools, San

Diego State and American University, have already banned the Red Cross on-campus because of their policies," Kulakowski said.

"I thought they tested all the blood for disease anyway."

Gregory Sacca, UVM junior and member of the gay community, said "It's not fair to fight fire with fire, although I can understand where they were coming from, after all, Mike Glynne was the tie-breaker."

"[The Red Cross] still treat us like another species, they don't want our blood," Sacca said.

He said that although he could relate to the feelings of Black, he stated, "UVM students should be better than that, they should rise above it."

When asked about the Red Cross policy regarding donation, he said, "My brother donates all the time, he's clean, he gets checked regularly, he just lies when they ask him. As long as you're clean it doesn't matter."

"I think he just wanted attention, either good or bad," UVM sophomore Cassandra Clarkson said.

"It was immature to spray-paint that, there are better outlets to express feelings."

"Perhaps sometime when the Red Cross is holding a blood drive on-campus, only members of the gay community should go."

"I mean they always talk about a blood shortage, and there are plenty of gay people who want to donate, that would be a good demonstration," Clarkson said.

## NEWS SUMMARY

### INTERNATIONAL

#### COLUMBIA

##### Rebel leader killed

Colombia's defense ministry has confirmed that their security forces have killed a senior commander of one of the country's largest guerrilla groups. Raul Reyes was one of the top commanders in the Revolution Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

#### PAKISTAN

##### Suspects arrested for Bhutto assassination

Pakistani police have charged the militant leader Baitullah Mehsud of planning the assassination of former prime minister and opposition leader Benazir Bhutto. Four other suspects were arrested along with Mehsud.

#### BRITAIN

##### Prince Harry's military service leaked

Prince Harry has been deployed in Afghanistan for over 10 weeks but a top-secret arrangement with British media has kept it out of the news. The agreement, brokered by Bob Satchwell, the executive director of the Society of Editors in Britain, was made null on Thursday when Matt Drudge of The Drudge Report posted the news. Harry has since been sent home.

#### CHINA

##### China and US connect

China and the United States agreed on Saturday to open a military hotline between their respective defense departments. As part of the agreement China promised to release documents concerning US servicemen still missing from the Korean War.

#### ZIMBABWE

##### Mugabe kick-starts campaign for re-election

Eighty four year-old Robert Mugabe began his campaign by vowing to defeat "sellouts, political prostitutes, political charlatans and two-headed political creatures."

#### ITALY

##### An end to groping...

Italy's highest court ruled that men may no longer touch their genitals in public. There is a custom among Italian men of grabbing the crotch to ward off bad luck. Judges suggested that men wait and do it at home.

#### GERMANY

##### Deadly winter storm slams Austria, Germany

A powerful storm swept across central Europe over the weekend, killing six in Austria and Germany. The storm brought gale-force winds that gusted up to 138 mph in the Alps and swelled seas and rivers in the northern lowlands.

All information collected from The New York Times and Der Spiegel.

# After a year, hula hoop club finally gets approved

By MEGAN BRANACCIO

Senior Staff Writer

For those UVMers who yearn for the days of hula hooping in the cul-de-sac, there is now a club on campus that brings back the childhood pastime.

Junior Mona Qaddoumi, with seniors Samantha Lederfine Paskal and Kelly Coons, brought their Hoop Dancing club proposal before the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate last Tuesday.

After it was voted on, the Senate applauded the girls for their newly recognized club.

Their pitch to the Senate described hoop dancing as an activity that "strives to promote physical and mental health through a fun and creative dance outlet."

"It's a club for people who don't do normal clubs," Qaddoumi, the club's creator and president, said.

Before they were even recognized as a club, thirty "hoopers" began practicing on Monday nights and Saturday afternoons in the tennis courts during open recreation hours, according to the girls' PowerPoint presentation.

"Now that we are a recognized club, I am eager to claim our practice space so we have legitimate places to play," Qaddoumi said.

Qaddoumi met with Marissa Couzens, chair of the Student Activities Committee, last week to finalize the proposal of their club before SGA, Qaddoumi said.

In their presentation, the girls asked for a budget of \$200, and gave a video demonstration of what hoop dancing actually looks like.

After the video, Harry Mallory, chair of SGA's Finance Committee asked whether or not boys were allowed to join.

Both girls and guys at-

tend the practices, Coons, the instructor and progress documenter of the club, said. "Even our guy neighbors have gotten pretty good at it."

If you do not own your own hoop, it is no problem, because they are not too difficult to make, she said.

Two weeks ago, the trio held a hoop-making demonstration, Lederfine Paskal, treasure of the club, said.

"Our hoops that we make are made from irrigation piping," Qaddoumi said, "After cutting the tubing the size you desire you heat up the opening with a hair dryer [and] connect the ends of the hoop."

The trio agreed that the actual hooping does not take long to master, either.

"It might seem a little intimidating at first, but it is really easy to pick up," Lederfine Paskal said.

"It really depends on how

much you practice," Coons said, "I definitely improve my skills and become more comfortable and confident every time I hoop dance."

The club tried to make a proposal last year, but did not have an advisor; this year they asked dance professor Jean-Marie Mellichamp to fill the position and she accepted, Qaddoumi said.

"We figured it'd be most appropriate to have a dance professor to be our advisor, plus they seem to be more open-minded," she said.

As soon as the weather gets warmer, the club plans to campaign by demonstrations on campus and get people interested by seeing how fun and easy it is, Lederfine Paskal said.

The group also plans to have tables in the Davis Center to encourage more underclassmen to join, Qaddoumi said.



## NEWS SUMMARY

### NATIONAL

#### CONGRESS

##### Congress wants to probe Clemens' case

Congress is asking for further investigation into Roger Clemens' steroid usage. They have requested that the Justice Department determine whether the pitcher lied under oath during his testimony at a House committee hearing.

Clemens' testimony also contradicts that of former teammate, Andrew Pettitte, who claims that Clemens admitted to him that he had taken human growth hormone.

McNamee has testified that he injected Clemens at least seven times from 1998 to 2001, a claim that Clemens adamantly denies.

#### KILPATRICK

##### Detroit mayor will not be forgiven

Kwame M. Kilpatrick, Detroit's mayor, is being audited and investigated after a recent text message scandal with his secretary was published by The Detroit Press.

Kilpatrick was already forgiven by Detroit when suspicions were aroused that he had paid for a family Lincoln Navigator with taxpayer's dollars, frequented strip clubs, and hired underqualified friends to fill official positions.

Kilpatrick may be facing criminal charges, most likely for perjury, once the investigation is underway.

#### US

##### One in 100 in jail

A study released by the PEW Center on the States found that nationwide more than one in 100 American adults are in jail. America has a prison population of nearly 1.6 million.

#### MCCAIN

##### Canal-zone birth controversy

Senator and presidential aspirant John McCain's birthplace — the Panama Canal Zone — has been the topic of some debate concerning his eligibility for president.

#### CONNECTICUT

##### William F. Buckley, Jr. dies

Buckley is widely credited with bringing conservatism to America after the second world war. Buckley was author of over 50 books and editor of the conservative magazine National Review. Buckley died on Wednesday, February 27 at his home in Stamford, Conn. He was 82.

#### VERMONT

##### State spends more on prisons than college

For every \$1.00 spent annually on higher education, VT. spends \$1.37 on prisons.

The cost to hold one female inmate at the Dale Correctional Facility is equivalent to six residential student's tuitions at UVM.

Senator Sears and other lawmakers are searching for better and more efficient ways to lower the costs of correctional facilities.

Sears says that stricter drunk driver laws, fewer alternatives to incarceration, and longer jail sentences might contribute to this high cost.

One way they are exploring might be to better handle drug and alcohol offenders outside of jail.

Northeast correctional facilities have higher overall costs than anywhere else in the country.

Vermont ranked third after Oregon and Florida for the state that spends the most of its funds on correctional facilities.

#### BURLINGTON

##### Record breaking snowfall for February

At 39.6 inches, this has been the snowiest February since 1958 (the previous record was 34.3 inches)

100.7 inches of snow has fallen between Dec. and Feb., breaking the previous record of 96.9 inches in 1970-71.

So far, this winter ranks as one of the 10 snowiest winters on record.

The highest recorded amount was 145.4 inches in 1970-71.

More snow storms are expected next week.

## CLINTON

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tons and stickers in support Clinton's mother Hillary.

Though attendance was free and open to all, there seemed to be very little overt support of other candidates, including her main rival Sen. Barack Obama, though there was a brief exchange with a Ron Paul supporter in which she encouraged others to visit the Republican long-shot's web site.

The former first daughter responded to a broad range of questions from students and Vermonters — fielding questions about her mother's candidacy ranging from healthcare to foreign policy and the green industry for about an hour.

"My mom is the first person running for president to talk about green-collar jobs," she said in response to a question about the economy.

"And to see, in global warming, a real opportunity to grow our economy. So she said that she would take away the tax breaks that the oil and gas companies received in the 2005 energy bill.

"Something they received when oil was over \$60 a bar-

rel... institute a windfall profit tax on the oil companies, now that oil is over \$100 a barrel. [Hillary Clinton will] invest aggressively in clean, renewable energy technologies... and to immediately begin greening our federal building system.

Though she had warned audience members before-

**"And to see, in global warming, a real opportunity to grow our economy. So she said that she would take away the tax breaks that the oil and gas companies received in the 2005 energy bill."**

-Chelsea Clinton

hand that there may be some questions to which she would not be able to formulate a response, the only such moment at the event came when asked about her mother's position on REAL ID.

REAL ID would implement national standards for identification needed to open bank accounts and board planes.

Healthcare, too, was a dominant feature of the discussion, with many supporters voicing

that as their primary issue.

Clinton laid out the foundations of her mother's plan, stating that her mother promises that all Americans will enjoy healthcare under her administration.

Healthcare seemed to be the greatest concern among her supporters, said Harley Sterling, a UVM senior found holding a Hillary 2008 sign outside the event.

"Education, I'd say, stands above the others [issues] but between Barack and Hillary I guess the biggest issue between them would be healthcare. I think that she has a more aggressive plan," Sterling said.

Though she was willing to answer all manner of questions from the audience, Clinton was tight-lipped when it came to the press.

Philippe Reines, a senior advisor to the campaign explained, "That's her personal choice... I think everyone has a right to define their own level of privacy, and that's how she defines it."

She has never before conducted an interview, Reines said.

Her stay ended in a series of photos and autographs with the crowd and a stop at Feel Good.

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### Comitted to the Facts

In last week's issue, the article, "In the studio with Romans" on page 16 contained several errors.

Tom Kelly, singer of Romans, was in the now defunct band, The Hero Cycle

Justin Gonyea, Romans guitarist, played drums in the now defunct band, Fire The Cannons

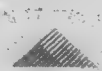
Sean Martin, bassist of Romans, was never in Fire The Cannons.

In his other band, Dome, Romans drummer Kevin Savage plays guitar. His nickname is K-Sav.

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### Disturbing quote of the week:

"I think if it was  
the case of a  
woman going  
missing, I think  
the exchange  
may have been  
different."

-Middlebury's Dean of  
Students Tim Spears, in  
discussing the role of gender  
in the college's delayed  
reporting of missing student  
Nicholas Garza



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## A lack of sensitivity

Here's an unthinkable hypothetical:  
Imagine someone you love, be it  
your best friend, sibling or — when  
we're grown up with families — child  
disappearing without any warning.

It's something no one wants or de-  
serves to go through.

Now imagine the school that this  
person attends failing to look in earnest  
for your loved one for five days.

It would be an obvious lack of tact  
and sensitivity that would only add in-  
sult to what is already considerable  
injury, and yet 40 minutes down Route  
7 this very same scenario is unfolding  
— and it's as unbelievable as it is heart-  
breaking.

While many of you may already  
know the story — 19-year-old Middle-  
bury College student Nicholas Garza  
went missing on Feb. 5 and has not been  
seen since — what made our chins drop  
to the floor was Middlebury's response  
to Garza's disappearance.

Granted, the situation was far from  
simple with Garza going missing the  
night before he was to embark on a  
three-night camping trip with friends,

the fact remains that Garza had not  
been seen for five days before a missing  
persons report was filed by his mother  
on Feb. 10.

This was the first and easily the big-  
gest problem.

No matter the situation, there need  
to be protocols in place at institutions,  
especially colleges and universities, in  
dealing with missing persons, and these  
protocols need to be more proactive.

Regardless of the rules and regula-  
tions for considering a person missing,  
we must, as a community looking out  
for each other, take any state or federal  
rules a step further when it comes to  
one of our own.

Even if the person does not fall into  
a "high-risk" category (mental or physi-  
cal handicaps, age, suspected foul play)  
they need to be located. If they are  
missing and their absence is wholly out  
of character, a laissez-faire mentality is  
inexcusable.

We fully understand that cases can  
become complicated, but in hindsight  
complications become excuses. Excus-  
es don't bring people back, or make the

situation any better.

This brings us to our second prob-  
lem with the Middlebury case.

Middlebury's Dean of Students Tim  
Spears, in discussing the role of gender  
in the college's delayed reporting, told  
Channel 3 News more than a week af-  
ter Garza's disappearance, "I think if it  
was the case of a woman going missing,  
I think the exchange may have been  
different."

This did it for us. We can under-  
stand the complications, but this is ut-  
terly and unnecessarily insensitive, ad-  
mitting that they didn't do everything  
they might have done if the student was  
someone else.

Colleges everywhere, ours includ-  
ed, need to learn from this terrible situ-  
ation, one for which we still hold out  
hope of a happy ending.

It's as simple and complicated as  
this: if someone is missing, that some-  
one must be found as soon as possible.  
Accepting any complications as a mat-  
ter of course is essentially taking steps  
toward having to accept that someone's  
loved one might never be found.

## Not OK Computers

With all the talk about moving the  
UVM campus into the future with  
new buildings and cutting edge ar-  
chitecture, the campus planners have  
missed a vital component: computers.

Sure, there are a few nice new  
Macs around the Davis Center, but  
they are more for show than anything  
else and useless if you want to do any-  
thing more than check your email.

Forget the slow Internet connec-  
tion, lack of printers and the simple  
fact that you have to stand while go-  
ing about your computer business.

Did it not occur to the building  
planners that a central location on  
campus and the first real student cen-  
ter that the campus has had should  
have a place for students to print and  
use computers?

At a university that has expanded  
tremendously over the last few years  
and has received record numbers of  
applicants, it is irresponsible not to

have a better infrastructure of tech-  
nology available to the students — im-  
proved wireless availability is another  
point of contention (the lack of good  
wireless in Lafayette, the premier  
classroom building on campus, is em-  
barrassing and problematic).

The library is the main place on  
campus where students can print. But  
the lack of computers and the logjam  
at the printer during busy times of the  
semester make it impossible to rely  
on Bailey-Howe, especially during  
mid-term and finals season.

Students should not have to wan-  
der around the library waiting to  
pounce as soon as one of their peers  
starts packing up their bag or putting  
on their coat.

Honors students can feel the print-  
ing crunch too. John Dewey Honors  
Program members in the College  
of Arts and Sciences used to have a  
lounge in the Old Mill Annex as a free-

printing resource, but that too has  
gone by the wayside.

It seems that most everyone whose  
school does not supply some source of  
free printing time falls into the same  
unfortunate boat.

Beyond the simple issue of print-  
ing, the lack of computers on campus  
available for student use further chal-  
lenges those students not fortunate  
enough to enjoy the luxury of own-  
ing their own computers. Without  
adequate, free computer and printing  
facilities, these students stand to per-  
form poorer in class assignments.

For a university that champions so-  
cial justice, this is unacceptable.

In the midst of a massive increase  
in the student body as well as in na-  
tional press, the lack of computers on  
campus is an example of the dearth  
of foresight, effective planning and,  
most of all, a troubling lack of atten-  
tion to the entire student body.



## The power of one

Today, the professor in one of my classes called on some 150 college students to, as he put it, go out and change history.



**Julia Gabriel Michel**

I snorted and thought about dropping the class.

But when I was surfing the Web later that day, I stumbled upon a news report that changed my mind, leading me to the conclusion that history is more than a series of earth-shattering events such as the Declaration of Independence, the use of the atomic bomb at Hiroshima or the discovery of a vaccine for polio.

An individual's split-second decision to reach out and lend a hand to another person in distress can literally change the course of history in unanticipated ways.

Bear with me as I tell the story.

In 1988, during their war against a Soviet invasion force, Afghan guerrillas shot down a Soviet plane and captured its pilot. Prisoners on both sides were often brutally treated by their captors, so the downed pilot, a young Russian named Alexander Rutskoy, expected the worst.

At the time, a American CIA operations officer, Milt Bearden, arranged arms shipments to the Afghans. According to his account, he managed to persuade the guerrillas to turn parts of the destroyed plane over to the CIA.

But Bearden didn't stop there. He understood that if the guerrillas followed their usual practice of torturing pilots, their actions would provoke even more Soviet violence against Afghan captives, ultimately prolonging an already bloody war. So he

offered the Afghans a package deal: Throw in the pilot with the plane parts, and the CIA will double the purse.

The Afghans agreed, and Bearden arranged to send Rutskoy to the United States, where he was offered permanent residence. Later, however, Rutskoy chose to move back to the Soviet Union, where he was greeted as a national hero.

In 1991, while watching televised news, Bearden recognized Rutskoy among the leaders of the pro-democracy forces supporting Mikhail Gorbachev. Later that year, the former pilot and POW became Russia's vice president, second only to President Boris Yeltsin.

Two years later, Rutskoy joined the opposition against Yeltsin, protesting against the president's nepotism and corruption. In 1996, he became the leader of the most liberal party in Russia.

Today, Rutskoy remains an outspoken critic of President Vladimir Putin's pressure tactics against democratic politicians, independent media and other political opponents.

Maybe Bearden's decision to save the life of a lone pilot was just a quick, calculated move to get some short-term benefit for the United States. But his decision helped set in motion a chain of events that, years later, strengthened voices for democracy in Russia.

Moreover, as Bearden points out, it demonstrated that putting an end to the practice of torture is not just a moral thing to do; it's a smart way to help break a cycle of violence.

The entire episode proves that individual decisions count and can shape history in profound ways. Even in a world where the nightly news consists of death tolls and war footage, the actions of an individual still have the power to do great good.

## Letters

### Wasting dollars

I am writing to address the recent articles about the University of Vermont's trustees meeting.

I would like to suggest to President Fogel and the members of the board that they take an introductory course in economics before they go and raise tuition again.

As far as I can tell, the University is spending its money frivolously which is why there is nothing available for necessary items such as building renovations.

Take for example the fancy new Web site they have just put together, that must have cost a fair amount, and yet it is less effective and harder to use than the old one (which incidentally also looked nicer).

Also, does the athletic department really need a

brand new Honda Ridgeline truck which has a starting price tag of \$28,000?

How about Summer-U's Scion xB which starts at \$16,000 and is covered in thousands of dollars of decals?

These are just a few of the totally unnecessary purchases I could name that the University has made and yet somehow they still feel justified in complaining about this supposed lack of money.

How about taking that money and spending it on the faculty instead so that the students really feel like they are spending their money on quality education and not an advertising campaign?

Respectfully,

Josh Typrowicz-Cohen  
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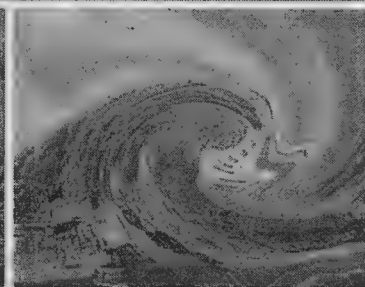
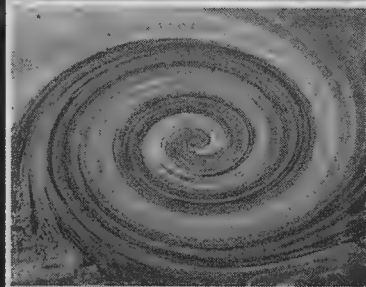
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Tuesday, March 4 - Monday, March 10

## TUESDAY, March 4

### Women's Lacrosse

@ UMBC  
Baltimore, Md., 3 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

@ Siena  
Loudonville, N.Y., 3 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, March 5

### Skiing

@ NCAA Ski Championships  
Bozeman, Mont., 9 a.m.

## THURSDAY, March 6

### Skiing

@ NCAA Championships  
Bozeman, Mont., 7 p.m.

## FRIDAY, March 7

### Men's Basketball

@ America East Championships  
First Round  
Vestak, N.Y., TBA

### Skiing

@ NCAA Championships  
Bozeman, Mont., 9 a.m.

### Softball

vs. Winthrop and Samford  
@ Atlanta, Ga., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

@ Dartmouth  
Hanover, N.H., 3 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

@ Siena  
Loudonville, N.Y., 3 p.m.

### Men's Hockey

@ UNH  
Durham, N.Y., 8 p.m. (CSTV)

## SATURDAY, March 8

### Track and Field

@ ECAC Championships  
Boston, Mass., TBA

### Men's Basketball

@ America East Championships  
Quarterfinals  
Vestal, N.Y., TBA

### Skiing

@ NCAA Championships  
Bozeman, Mont., 9 a.m.

### Baseball

vs. Bowling Green  
@ Bradenton, Fla., 9 a.m.

### Women's Basketball

vs. Binghamton  
Patrick Gymnasium, 1 p.m.

### Softball

vs. Akron and W. Carolina  
Atlanta, Ga., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### Men's Hockey

@ UNH  
Durham, N.H., 7 p.m.

## SUNDAY, March 9

### Track and Field

@ ECAC Championships  
Boston, Mass., TBA

### Men's Basketball

@ America East Championships  
Semifinals  
Vestal, N.Y., TBA

### Baseball

@ C. Michigan and E. Illinois  
Bradenton, Fla., 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

# Women's lacrosse opens with a win

Buxton, Millar lead Cats in 15-9 triumph over UConn

By LANCE MILLER

Staff Writer

The women's lacrosse team won their season opener by a score of 15-9 versus UConn on Friday.

Vermont scored the first two goals of the game on scores by junior Tori Wasson and sophomore Sara Buxton.

UConn retaliated with three straight goals, making the score 3-2 with 19:34 left in the half.

The Cats responded with two more goals, one by Buxton and another by junior Kristen Millar, making the score 4-3 with just over 16 minutes left in the first half.

Buxton scored her third goal, giving the Cats an 8-7 lead with 1:25 left in the half and sophomore Alison Haigh scored a goal with 33 seconds in the half giving the Cats a 9-7 lead going into halftime.

UVM came out firing in the second half, scoring six straight goals and making the score 15-7. UConn scored the last two goals of the game, but coming up short and lost by a final of 15-9.

Buxton led all scorers with six goals along with two assists.

Millar contributed four goals and four assists en route to making history - her four assists makes her UVM's all-time assist leader, passing Abigail Collins.

Millar also piled up four draw controls, giving her 187 for her career and moving her



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore Sara Buxton (19) rips a shot at the UConn goalie during the Catamounts' 15-9 win on Feb. 29. Buxton recorded a team-high six goals and two assists in UVM's season-opener rout of the Huskies.

into fifth place among the all-time leaders in NCAA Division I women's lacrosse history.

The Cats will face off at UMBC on Tuesday, March 4.

# Men's basketball earns fourth seed

Cats will take on #5 Binghamton in A-East quarterfinals

By JASON BUSHEY

Sports Editor

The men's basketball team secured the fourth seed in the upcoming America East tournament on Sunday with an 89-58 rout of the Maine Black Bears.

With the win, the Cats will take on the fifth ranked Binghamton Bearcats this Saturday at the America East tournament in Vestal, N.Y. Tip-off for the game is set for 2:30 p.m.

The victory also allowed the team's three seniors, Kyle Cieplicki, Chad Powlowich and Timothy McCrory to go out on top in what was likely their final game at Patrick Gymnasium.

The three seniors are the last players remaining on the team from the "Tom Brennan" era, which was highlighted by the Cats' 2005 up-

set of Syracuse in the NCAA tournament.

"I am really happy for our seniors that they went out playing their best," head coach Mike Lonergan said.

"We now have a week to prepare and get healthy, and hopefully carry over some of our excellent play from today into the conference tournament."

The Catamounts, led by junior Mike Trimboli's 24 points, started off hot by opening up a 19-6 lead just 7:15 into the game.

Shooting over 50 percent from beyond the arc (10-19) certainly helped their cause, as the Cats led by scores of 49-30 and 61-33 on the way to their 31-point triumph.

Sophomore Marquis Blakeley added his 15th double-double of the year, chipping in 13 points and 12 rebounds.

The Catamounts' bench also made a big impact in the effort, outscoring the Maine bench 31-13.

Freshman Sean McNally

of Maine led the Black Bears with 16 points.

The UVM win was a far cry from Thursday's 68-65 loss against the struggling University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

The Cats blew a seven-point lead with ten minutes to go when the Wildcats went on a 14-1 run in just over four minutes.

UVM responded in the waning moments when Colin Macintosh's three-pointer cut the UNH lead to two.

However, with 2.2 seconds left the Cats could not get a shot-attempt off.

The loss eliminated UVM from any hope of gaining the coveted second-seed in the tournament.

However, after regaining their momentum against Maine, UVM will hope their late-season surge will carry over into the match-up against Binghamton.

UVM swept the season series against Binghamton.

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

<b>Results</b> <b>Men's Hockey</b> Friday, Feb. 29 Win vs. Maine Maine: 0-0-0-0 UVM: 0-2-0-2 Saturday, March 1 Loss vs. Maine Maine: 1-1-1-3 UVM: 0-0-0-0  <b>Men's Basketball</b> Thursday, Feb. 28 Loss @ UNH UVM: 32-33-65 UNH: 29-39-68 Sunday, March 2 Win vs. Maine Maine: 30-28-58 UVM: 49-40-89  <b>Women's Hockey</b> Saturday, March 1 Win @ Maine UVM: 1-3-1-5 Maine: 1-0-0-1 Sunday, March 2 Win @ Maine UVM: 2-0-4-6 Maine: 1-0-0-1	<b>Women's Basketball</b> Wednesday, Feb. 27 Win @ Maine UVM: 42-32-74 Maine: 26-26-52 Saturday, March 1 Win @ UMBC UVM: 32-39-71 UMBC: 26-36-62  <b>Baseball</b> Friday, Feb. 29 Loss @ New Orleans UVM: 4 NO: 6 Saturday, March 1 Game 1: Loss @ New Orleans UVM: 2 NO: 8 Game 2: Loss @ New Orleans UVM: 2 NO: 9  <b>Softball</b> Friday, Feb. 29 Game 1: Win vs. Florida A&M UVM: 10 Fla A&M: 1	<b>Game 2: Loss vs. Maryland</b> UVM: 1 Md.: 7 Saturday, March 1 Loss @ Central Florida UVM: 2 C. Fla.: 8  <b>Conference Standings</b> <b>Hockey East Men's Hockey</b> UNH - (18-4-3) Overall - (22-7-3) BU - (13-9-3) Overall - (15-15-4) UVM - (12-8-5) Overall - (13-12-7) Providence - (11-9-5) Overall - (14-13-5) Boston College - (10-8-7) Overall - (16-10-8) UMass Lowell - (10-11-4) Overall - (15-13-4) Northeastern - (11-12-2) Overall - (14-15-3) Massachusetts - (7-13-5) Overall - (12-14-6) Maine - (7-15-3) Overall - (11-18-3) Merrimack - (6-16-3) Overall - (12-16-4)	<b>America East Men's Basketball</b> UMBC - (13-3) Overall - (21-8) Albany - (10-6) Overall - (15-14) Hartford - (10-6) Overall - (16-15) Vermont - (9-6) Overall - (15-14) Binghamton - (9-7) Overall - (14-15) BU - (9-7) Overall - (13-16) UNH - (6-10) Overall - (9-19) Maine - (3-13) Overall - (7-22) Stony Brook - (3-13) Overall - (6-22)  <b>Hockey East Women's Hockey</b> UNH - (20-0-1) Overall - (30-3-1) Connecticut - (13-5-3) Overall - (22-7-5) Providence - (10-8-3) Overall - (15-15-4) BU - (11-9-1) Overall - (15-16-3) Boston College - (9-9-3)	Overall - (14-13-7) Northeastern - (6-14-1) Overall - (7-24-3) Vermont - (4-16-1) Overall - (8-25-1) Maine - (3-15-3) Overall - (4-27-3)  <b>America East Women's Basketball</b> Hartford - (12-2) Overall - (22-5) Vermont - (12-3) Overall - (21-7) BU - (9-5) Overall - (16-11) Albany - (9-5) Overall - (11-16) Binghamton - (9-5) Overall - (11-16) UMBC - (5-9) Overall - (9-18) Maine - (4-11) Overall - (7-21) UNH - (3-11) Overall - (6-20) Stony Brook - (1-13) Overall - (6-21)
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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Good week for Dikembe's finger

I am talking about the finger of 41-year-old Dikembe Mutombo. The Houston Rockets center and his signature finger wag were out in full force when Mutombo had four blocks against Washington last week.

The bad news for the Rockets? Mutombo was playing in place of All-Star Yao Ming who is out for the season with a stress fracture. Houston fans can only hope Mutombo keeps giving the finger to opposing teams.

### Mixed week for Tennessee

Just three days after beating the number one team in the land and in-state rival Memphis on their home floor, the Vols fell victim to the Commodores of Vanderbilt on Tuesday night.

The Vols secured their first ever number one ranking only to see it all disappear in the oddly shaped trap that is the Memorial Gym, where Vandy has beat six of the nine number one teams that have taken the floor.

### Good Week for UConn Basketball

The men have won 12 of 13 and are currently ranked fifteenth in the nation, whereas the women are ranked number one, and are coming off a strong win over number six LSU.

Both are guaranteed to be playing come March, when the NCAA tournament begins.

### Bad Week for Miracles

Islanders center Alexei Yashin and many other Russian hockey players are leaving the NHL and returning to their home countries, prompting a resurgence in the competition and skill level of Russia's professional hockey league, the Superliga.

This movement of premier hockey skill is giving clubs in Russia an edge over the US for the world's most competitive league and will only continue as a growing amount of homegrown talent stays within the Russian borders.

Russian clubs are protecting more and more of their players from being drafted into the NHL, and with Russia's win of the 2014 Olympic bid, the world might possibly see a rematch of the 1980 gold medal match.

Only this time, with the caliber of the Superliga continuing to rise, it might end up with the Russian national team on top.

### Good Week for Red Sox Nation

Red Sox Nation inducted it's newest member to their famed nation this week - Yankees boss Hank Steinbrenner.

The induction was in response to Steinbrenner's nasty attack against Red Sox Nation in the New York Times' Play Magazine, where Steinbrenner said, "Red Sox Nation? What a bunch of shit that is."

According to the Boston Herald, Sox owner John Henry sent Steinbrenner his brand new Sox Nation membership card over the weekend, along with other special collectibles reserved for members of the Nation.

Welcome aboard, Hank!





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Peter Forsberg returned to his old stomping ground last week by signing with the Colorado Avalanche.

The Avs are two points out of a playoff spot — does this deal improve their chances of getting in or is it simply an attendance-booster?

**JA:** The recent move by the Colorado Avalanche to bring in former MVP Peter Forsberg has given them a strong foundation for a playoff run.

Regardless of age and injury concerns, Forsberg was able to be productive in the last couple of years, averaging over one point per game.

Forsberg also looked pretty good in last year's playoffs with the Predators, and that's what the Avalanche are hoping for.

They brought in Forsberg to play in the last month of the season, and with the time off rehabilitating, Forsberg is fresh to make perhaps one last run.

**LM:** This deal does improve their chances of getting a playoff spot for multiple reasons.

First, the Avs are only two points out of the last playoff spot in the West with plenty of season left.

Secondly, even though Forsberg is 34 and has been relaxing in Sweden for the entire season, he is a respected player. Even if he doesn't have the skill that the Avs need from him on the ice, he is still a valuable leader and motivator to have in the clubhouse.

I'm sure if he didn't think he was conditioned enough to play, he wouldn't.

So, skills + leadership=playoff berth.

#### THE SCORE

FORSBERG AND THE AVS  
ARE READY TO ROLL.

JAKE I  
LANCE O

# FACE OFF

## JAKE AHRENS VS. LANCE MILLER

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY

The Tennessee Volunteers stunned the Memphis Tigers last weekend in an epic battle of #1 vs. #2.

Despite their loss to Vandy on Feb. 26, are the undersized Vols — dare I say it — national title favorites?

**JA:** After losing in embarrassing fashion to Vanderbilt only a day after upsetting Memphis, the Volunteers faltered at the chance to be number one in the nation, and are no longer the favorites to win it all.

Unfortunately, they live and die by the three.

When picking a favorite to win it all, you have to go with experience, and that lies with the UCLA Bruins. They have reached the final four in the past two years, and finally have that big post player in Kevin Love to battle down low and get the Bruins extra shots off offensive rebounds.

They've also proved they can win the tough games, going 4-1 against ranked opponents.

**LM:** How dare you say indeed, especially since Tennessee couldn't hold down their number one rank for more than four days.

After being exploited on the road by Vanderbilt, I don't see how Tennessee could be considered a national title favorite.

You cannot be considered a national favorite when you can't recover from reasonable deficits early in the game.

I would have to say that UNC is still my pick as of now, because their squad is awesome, and they are ready to go each game.

But the beauty of college basketball is that any given game could make or break your whole season.

#### THE SCORE

EAST COAST BIAS:  
UNC OVER UCLA

JAKE I  
LANCE I



(I-O-I)

Sportscenter is currently asking America to vote on "the Greatest Highlight" in the history of ESPN.

After checking out the nominees, what do you think warrants "greatest-highlight" status?

**JA:** First off, it's absolutely appalling that the Boise State "statue of liberty" play is even in contention for the greatest highlight ever — do we honestly think it will be remembered for 50 years? Because that is how to decide what the greatest highlight ever is — one that will never be forgotten.

Without a doubt it is the U.S. Hockey team's upset over the Soviet Union in the 1980 Winter Olympics.

It is considered the greatest upset in sports history, and there is nothing better than an underdog winning when it involves national pride.

"Do you believe in miracles? Yes!"

**LM:** The greatest highlight consists of the magnitude of the play, along with skill, originality of the play and a little bit of luck, all of which the Boise State "Statue of Liberty" play has.

Now let's consider the magnitude of the Fiesta Bowl where Boise State were heavy underdogs versus Oklahoma.

Boise State goes for a two-point conversion rather than take the safe route by kicking an extra point. The skill of the play is flawless; practiced to perfection.

Now with the "Eruzioni highlight" — that isn't really a highlight, the goal is just a wrist shot. They call the celebration of the victory a highlight, making it kind of cheap.

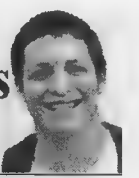
#### THE SCORE

STATUE OF LIBERTY =  
COOLEST. PLAY. EVER.

JAKE I  
LANCE 2

## weekly Club Sports

Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer



### Squash Club

Squash is a little known sport around the UVM campus — hell, we don't even have a regulation court — but with the help of junior, Pearson Smith, the sport is growing exponentially.

The club started up last spring and has since made great strides into the collegiate sporting world. With a total of 15 male members and even fewer females, the team has been able to stay active, regardless of a home court.

"We have been able to establish a connection with Middlebury, and use their courts," said Smith, "while also playing at Twin Oaks."

Smith has been making a concerted effort to try and renovate one of the racquetball courts and change it into a squash court.

"We have all these racquetball courts, and no squash courts," Smith said.

"Racquetball isn't even played competitively at the collegiate level."

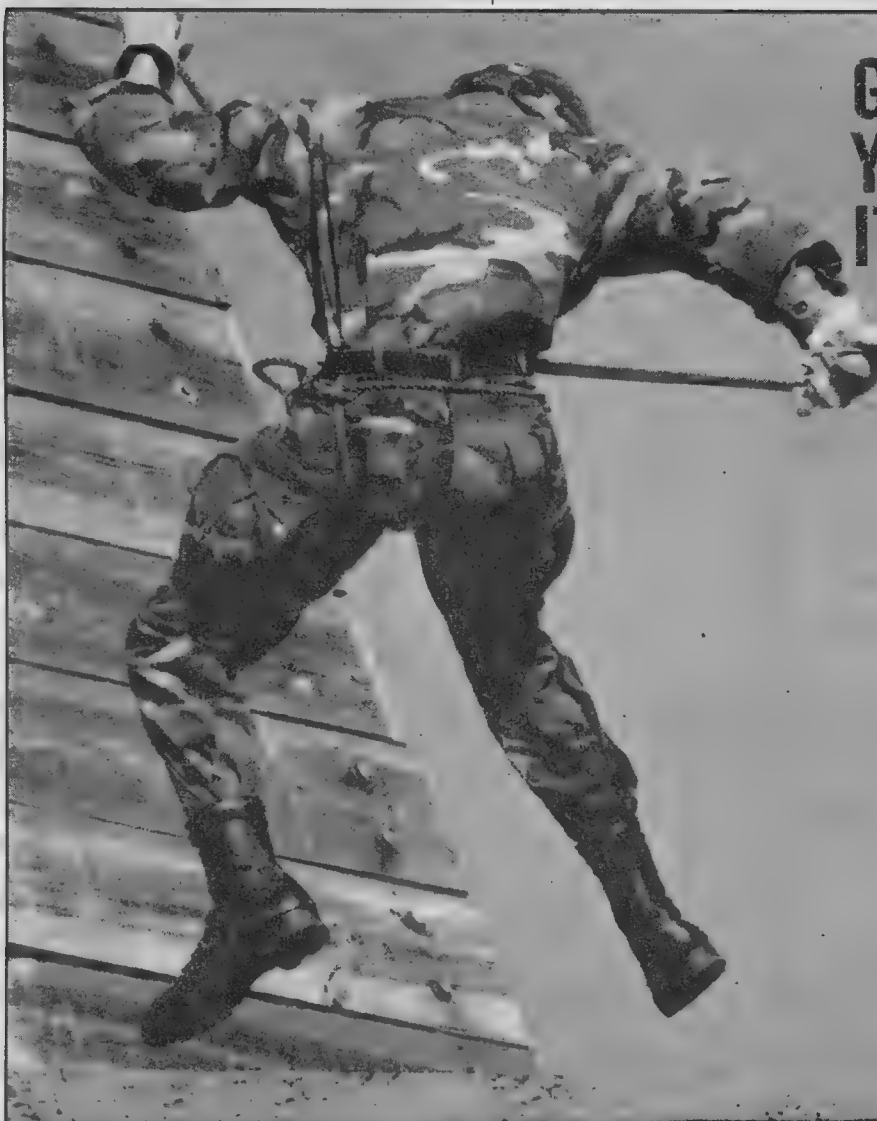
Albeit a home field advantage, the UVM Squash Club has already taken their teams to nationals.

The men attended nationals at Harvard on Feb. 15 and the women went to Princeton a week later where they came in second, losing only to Georgetown in the finals.

"We are definitely up and coming," Smith said. "We should have a great team in the next few years."

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# Frost Heaves dominate ABA



Brett Gravitt (33), a shooting guard from South Alabama University, goes for a layup in the Frost Heaves' 144-98 victory over the Boston Blizzard on March 1. The victory kept the Frost Heaves atop the ABA with a 30-4 record. The team will look to retain their title in the upcoming ABA playoffs as the #1 seed.

## The 'other' team in B-Town are the reigning champs of the ABA, #1 heading in to playoffs

By JASON BUSHEY

Sports Editor

While Marqus Blakely and Mike Trimboli continue to wow capacity crowds in Catamount Country this winter, there is another basketball team making an impact on the Burlington community just a few blocks away at Memorial Auditorium.

In their second year in the semi-pro American Basketball Association (ABA), the Vermont Frost Heaves have already netted their first championship and are currently ranked first in the 25-team league.

The team features standout players from around the

country, including former Catamount Erik Nelson and Burlington native B.J. Robertson.

As team founder Alexander Wolff said, the level of play in the ABA is no joke.

"The best ABA teams are on a footing with the top-20 college programs," Wolff said. "The quality of play in the ABA is at a level that always surprises the first-time fan."

Wolff, a writer for Sports Illustrated since 1980, developed the team as a family operation - his wife, Vanessa, is assistant GM - out of his love for basketball and his belief that a team could prosper in Vermont.

"Once word got around that in Vermont they do right by their players, and the fans show support, players actively wanted to come play for us," Wolff said.

Wolff said Vermont's en-

thusiasm for the team was the first step towards the Frost Heaves' success.

"We could be choosy," Wolff said.

The ability to be "choosy" has certainly paid dividends for the Frost Heaves - in their first season last year, the Frost Heaves won the ABA championship and are currently ranked first heading in to the ABA playoffs.

Not only is the team winning, but in a minor league where fans in big cities can be hard to come by, the fans are showing up to games as well.

"To be met more than halfway by so many people in our inaugural season just thrilled me and everyone in the organization," Wolff said.

This season, the team is looking to extend their fan base even further by reaching out to the UVM community.

On Saturday, the Frost Heaves featured former UVM basketball players Germain Mopa Njila and David Hehn as part of their "March Madness Day."

UVM students, such as senior Nick Dion, have joined the organization as interns looking to gain experience in the world of professional sports.

"One reason I got involved is I felt obligated to support something positive that my friends didn't really know about," Dion said.

Dion agreed with Wolff in the belief that the Frost Heaves are playing the best basketball in Vermont right now.

The Frost Heaves' regular season schedule concludes next weekend at the Boston Blizzard and the team will host the ABA All-Star game at the Barre Auditorium on March 21 and 22.

## Men's hockey split final home series with Maine

### Cats' five-game winning streak snapped on senior night

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

The University of Maine Black Bears managed to bring an end to the UVM men's hockey team's five game winning streak with a 3-0 victory on Saturday night.

Following a 2-0 victory by Vermont on Friday night, it didn't seem like the Catamounts would lose again this season, but their good fortune ran out as they couldn't summon up any bit of offense on Saturday.

Friday's victory for the Cats was primed by a game-changing penalty on Maine assistant captain Rob Bellamy, who viciously checked UVM sophomore forward Brayden Irwin into the boards from behind 11 minutes into the second period.

Bellamy was assessed a five minute major for hitting from behind and a ten minute game misconduct, leading to his ejection from the game and a pair of UVM power play goals.

The first goal came three minutes later, as Irwin fired a shot at Maine goalie Ben Bishop.

The shot, which was assisted by UVM freshman forward Wahs Stacey, was partially stopped by Bishop, but it snuck under his legs and into the net.

Less than two minutes later, sophomore forward Colin Vock widened the Catamount lead on a rebound shot which was assisted by junior co-captain Dean Strong and junior assistant captain Corey Carlson.

The 2-0 victory proved to be historic for UVM senior goalie Joe Fallon, as his

second straight shutout moved him into second on the NCAA career shutout list with 19.

"I thought both goaltenders proved tonight that they're two of the best in the league and certainly in the country," UVM head coach Kevin Sneddon said.

"I thought Joe Fallon was spectacular."

Irwin echoed his coach's thoughts. "You just have to look at his stats—Joe Fallon is one of the best to ever play college hockey," Irwin said.

"We're very fortunate to have him between the pipes for us," Irwin said.

The weekend proved to be bitter-sweet for Fallon and his fellow seniors though, as a hungry Maine squad spoiled the last regular season home game for the senior class on Saturday night.

Sneddon started seniors Slavomir Tomko, Mark Lutz, Reese Wisnowski and Fallon on the night.

Maine first jumped on the scoreboard with 5:20 remaining in the first period on a goal from senior Wes Clark, assisted by freshman Andrew Sweetland and Bellamy.

Maine struck again four minutes into the second period on a goal from senior assistant captain Billy Ryan, assisted by senior Keenan Hopson and freshman Josh Van Dyk.

UVM's scoring chances in the game were few and far between, but when they did get the puck near the Maine net, junior goalie Ben Bishop was outstanding, recording 30 saves en route to a shutout.

Even with the loss on Saturday, Vermont remains tied for second in Hockey East with Boston University, and the Cats stand a good chance of having a home playoff game.

Following Saturday's contest, the senior class was honored, which in-



Sophomore Brayden Irwin (5) faces off against Maine's Wes Clark (24) during Friday's win over Maine. Irwin scored one goal in the series.

cluded Tomko, Lutz, Wisnowski, Fallon, backup goalie Jeff Hill, and Director of Hockey Operations Jonathan Bates.

Hill also received a huge cheer from the crowd as the sparsely used goalie was inserted by Sneddon with 30 seconds left in the game.

With their winning streak now broken, the Catamounts will look to begin another one as they head to New Hampshire next weekend to face the Hockey East regular season champion Wildcats in what should be a tough final regular season series.

## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief



### And it all comes down to this...

Well, well, well. My hopeful foresight of two weeks ago came up one game short.

A border war is on the horizon for this weekend. What are the stakes? Only UVM's chance to secure a home-ice playoff series for the first time since 2004-2005, the Cats' last year in the ECAC hockey league.

After this past weekend's split at home against Maine, the weekend to come arouses several different feelings. Excitement, concern, urgency and disappointment are the most important of these feelings on what will be Vermont's biggest weekend to date.

After the split with Maine and Boston University's split against UMass, UVM and B.U. remain tied for second place in the conference. Behind them lie Providence and Boston College, each with a chance of gaining home-ice during the playoffs if they have a successful weekend.

So yeah, I'm excited. This next weekend could prove to be the biggest weekend for UVM hockey in a few years and could herald the team as a force to be reckoned with in Hockey East in the near future — in this, the Catamounts would be overcoming and not succumbing to what has been a sub-par Hockey East year.

I'm thinking about the home playoff series against Dartmouth all those years ago (ah, freshman year). I'm thinking about how completely nutty The Gut was for three nights that March. I'm thinking about UVM's series win that year, and how it epitomized the importance of home ice.

As optimistic as I want to be, I'm concerned about the future, too.

UVM has not won at UNH in its short tenure in the Hockey East ranks. Our hockey team has only won three times ever in Durham. Those three wins come along with 29 losses and two draws.

This track record is neither impressive nor positive for the upcoming weekend. What it is, is a cause for concern, and yet...

...Yet the sense of urgency and maturity that has taken hold over this year's team is still keeping that seed of hope alive in the back of my head. The urgency of the moment is having its effect on me, too.

I'm of the mind that this year, high hopes are not just a foolish pipe dream. Rather, this might just be the year that we overcome a powerful UNH team and prove something to ourselves, all the while proving something to the college hockey prognosticators who hold the cards over post-season at-large bids.

And then, I'm disappointed.

I'm not disappointed in the team. No, no, they've come together in such a fashion down the stretch, they've grown up and together so fast, that they could not possibly be the target of disappointment at this point in the season.

What I'm disappointed in is the timing and planning of what could potentially be a huge weekend for UVM and for UVM hockey.

The Hockey East home-playoff series for which I pine falls on the last weekend of our spring break. The Gut will not be The Gut if the Cats come back to town. And that, is disappointing.



"I think we assume that since we're in Burlington we  
can trust everyone around us."

- Ali Trainor, sophomore



# ARE YOU SAFE?

**A LOOK AT HOW UVM OFFICIALS ARE WORKING TO MAKE OUR CAMPUS SAFE AND HOW SAFE UVMERS REALLY FEEL**

By Brendan Filkins  
Photograph by Bobby Bruderle

**W**ith school shootings making headlines nationwide, a student from Middlebury College missing and a homicide at UVM last year, it is safe to say that campus safety is a relevant issue.

But what do students, administration and statistics say about these security issues?

Some students, like junior Tom Leblanc believe that UVM is a really safe place to go to school and list "ice on stairs" at the forefront of student safety concerns.

In contrast, chief of staff & executive assistant to the president, Gary L. Derr said that one of his major concerns is that students think they are safer than they are because they go to school in Burlington.

UVM sophomore Ali Trainor agrees with Derr. "I think we assume that since we're in Burlington we can trust everyone around us," she said.

Annie Stevens, assistant vice president for student and campus life, said that one of the biggest safety threats to students are students themselves. "Between stalking and relationships gone bad, most threats are usually well known," she said.

According to UVM police reports on the Police Services Web site, the most frequent threats are sexual assault and aggravated assault, both averaging from one to three cases per year.

Because the campus has no definite borders and is constantly changing with construction, Derr said that UVM takes the "casual approach to building safety."

But UVM's Think Care Act Web site ([www.uvm.edu/~safeuvm](http://www.uvm.edu/~safeuvm)) lists all the precautions that the University takes and makes it clear that a casual approach entails many security measures. "All the residential dorms are locked 24 hours a day," Stevens said.

But some students, such as Trainor, would disagree. "I think living in the dorms is actually way more dangerous than people realize," she said. "For one, they try to get kids to stop 'tailgating' and letting people walk in with them. Realistically what kid is going to tell another, 'no, they can't come in?'"

Though neither Derr nor Stevens consider large-scale catastrophes at the top of the list of safety threats at UVM--such as an active shooter or bombs on campus--Derr said that "the system has processes in place to assemble people to assess an emergency and to create and implement necessary protocol."

UVM has five levels of emergency response, ranging from pipes bursting in a building to earthquakes and terrorism, according to UVM's Emergency Management

([www.uvm.edu/~emergency](http://www.uvm.edu/~emergency)).

There are two groups who address an emergency when it reaches level three.

The first is the Emergency Operations Group who address immediate emergencies. The second is the Policy Group, which evaluates the policies involved with the emergency.

But outside of these groups there are systems in place constantly working to keep the UVM community safe.

Blue light systems were installed seven years ago, but according to Chief of Police Gary Margolis, the system has only been used once for an emergency.

Derr believes that this is due to the fact that the system alone works as deterrent.

The most recent system to be implemented in an effort to keep students safe is the CatAlert Emergency Notification, which is still in its testing phase, Derr said.

He said once students sign up online, at the Emergency management Web site, the system uses cell phones and emails to notify students in the event of an emergency on campus almost instantaneously.

The first test took place last Friday but less than 25 percent of the student body had signed up for the system, Annie Stevens said. "The resources are there but we need to use them for them to be effective," she said.

In light of the recent disappearance of 19-year-old Middlebury student Nicholas Garza, Channel 3 News reported the college's dean of students, Tim Spears, commenting on the situation. Spears said that the delayed announcement of Garza's disappearance was partially due to the fact that he is a male.

"I think if it was the case of a woman going missing, I think the exchange may have been different," Spears said.

Gary Derr insisted that if a UVM student went missing the student's gender would

make no difference in how quickly the news was reported.

However, Stevens said that "heightened awareness because of known existence of violence against women might make the gender issue come into play."

The future of student safety at UVM continues to be at the forefront of campus issues. Debates over security cameras and UVM identification card access to every building are among some of the measures that campus officials are considering in discussions regarding future safety precautions.

"Security cameras send a tough message," Derr said.

For students seeking a more concrete feeling of security, the University has published plenty of suggestions of ways students can make themselves less vulnerable on their Think Care Act Web site.





UVM Rescue is one of only a handful of student run organizations in the country to have an ambulance. However, they are the only club with an Advanced Life Support ambulance, giving them the ability to administer various drugs with instructions radioed in from the hospital.

The students working at UVM Rescue are either certified EMTs, or on their way to becoming so,

and they must each volunteer for a minimum of 20 on-call hours per week. Each crew is split up into a Crew Chief, a Medic, a Driver, and a "Fourth" – an in-training volunteer.

UVM Rescue's primary area is the UVM Campus, but they also run as a backup ambulance for all of Chittenden County, with an average of two calls per day. Calls range from drunken college students to car crash victims.



Top: Crew Chief Ben Guttridge (right), Medic Danielle Bohrer (left), and "Fourth" Rebecca Gallant (center) work to administer a second IV for an elderly woman suffering a heart attack.

Above: Bohrer (right) trains Gallant in the UVM Rescue living room/office, where the phone and radio are always close at hand.

Left: The UVM Rescue ambulance departs the garage on a call for a 14-year-old female who was found on the side of a trail at Jay's Peak with severe head trauma. The patient was helicoptered into UVM Rescue's helipad by DHART (Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team) and then transported to Fletcher Allen hospital.



BY JOSH LEE

# critical thinking

## Badu offers a new Amerykan history



**Erykah Badu**  
New Amerykah, Part One: 4th World War  
(Motown)



With "New Amerykah, Part One: 4th World War," Erykah Badu seeks to bring a new awareness to her audience, just not her previously

**Record Review**  
Magdalena Jensen

expounded wisdom of righteous love. This record seeks to educate her listeners in the political and social injustices of our era.

She, most unfortunately, falls slightly short of this goal; Badu fails to deliver the truly intelligent, rousing words of someone like Michael Franti. That said, this is still a great album.

Erykah Badu's sexy croon flows beautifully

with beats from producers like Madlib and Shafeek Husain. She scats, do-wops, busts some spoken word and experiments with some horn accompaniment.

Track five, "Soldier," encourages her audience to think twice before joining the army: "You get the wake up call, you saw the buildings fall, both times were the final call. Get your money dollar bill, y'all, both times were the final call."

The spoken word on "Twinkle" injects some much-needed insight, but the furious "I want you to get angry" doesn't quite redeem the lack of positive, peaceful insight on the re-

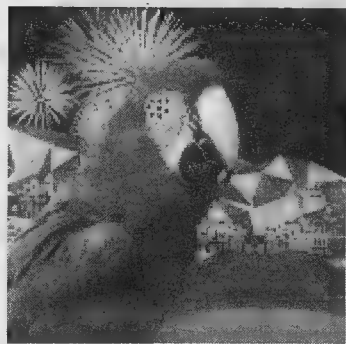
cord. Much like in her previous three albums, Badu mixes funk roots with groovy beats and a sexy voice.

This album, the supposed first of a series of politically motivated records, delivers much of the same Erykah Badu we know and love.

There's nothing to hate on, there's just a bit more to hope for in the coming records. However, if all you want in a record is better music, less message, this album will not disappoint.

**For fans of:**  
Michael Franti  
India. Arie

## Spaniard releases music for Magical Realists



**El Guincho**  
Alegranza!  
(Lava/Letone)



El Guincho can only partially thank Pitchfork Media, the ever-present and powerful measuring block of independent music on the web.

**Record Review**  
Andrew DeTullio

They recently reviewed his album "Alegranza!" garnering high praise and finding a spot in the site's "Best New Music" category.

That very day, his Myspace page saw its traffic swell by several thousand hits.

While success is sure to follow, it's rightfully due for this Spaniard.

To compare him to Panda Bear is like beating a dead horse and there's no doubt that their sounds remarkably similar but Guincho still has his own uniquely pluralist style.

From its very beginning, the listener gets a sense of the melting pot feel of "Alegranza!" It seems strikingly foreign, yet completely familiar at the same time.

Through the infusion of sampling, looping and chanting with the cross-cultural weaving of musical styles such as Afrobeat and more prevalent Brazilian Tropicalia, this album is blissfully chaotic while be-

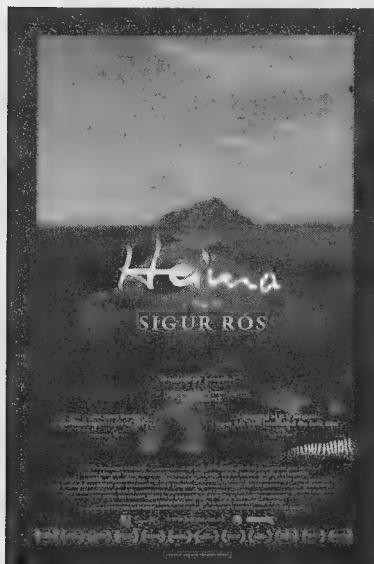
ing carried by almost hypnotic rhythms.

Clocking in at just over five minutes, the second track, "Antillas," is a jumble of breezy guitar, light dub rhythms and melodious Spanish singing. "Kalise" begins with looped steel drum that becomes engulfed in thundering bass while tribal chants float above it all.

Beautifully upbeat and erratic at times, El Guincho's "Alegranza!" is a great album to mark the beginning of spring.

**For fans of:**  
Panda Bear  
Manu Chao

## Heima showcases the enigma of Sigur Ros



**Heima**  
Sigur Ros  
Directed by Dean DeBlois  
(Kikk Productions)



Sigur Ros, the Icelandic post-rock band, was formed back in 1994 and continues to mesmerize audiences worldwide with their ethereal and pure sounds.

The group consists of Jon Por Birgisson (vocals, guitar), Kjartan Sveinsson (keyboards), Orri Páll Dyrason (drums) and Georg Holm (bass).

**Film Review**  
Katherine Robinson

Sigur Ros literally means "victory rose" and was taken from Birgisson's youngest sister who was born the same day they formed the band.

In the summer of 2006 they went back to their native Iceland after being on tour and made a documentary called "Heima."

The documentary's title "Heima" (which means "home" in English) was a decision that the band came to collectively with their longing to return to Iceland.

The result is one of the world's most introverted and enigmatic bands captured in their natural environment.

The film is divided up into two discs. The first disc called "Hvarf" ("disappeared") contains five songs from their first album, 1997's "Von."

The second disc, "Helm," consists of acoustic renditions of their more popular songs.

The beautifully eerie black and white landscape shots of Iceland are in perfect rhythm with the patterns in the music.

Epitomizing what one might think Iceland would sound like, the film is heavenly and sublime.

"Heima was so positive," Cooper Marshall, a senior at UVM, said after viewing the Roxy's mid-night showing of the documentary last weekend. "It put me in the best mood for the rest of the night."

Merril's Roxy in downtown Burlington is featuring late showings of

"Heima" on Friday and Saturday at 11:35 p.m.

The lingering shots of smiling faces of the local people and children are reflective of the positive vibe the music was creating across Iceland.

Sigur Ros' music is the perfect soundtrack to the documentary's images of an Icelandic fairy-tale land filled with beautiful, smiling blond haired children flying kites while their parents are nearby, staying toasty in their warm, matching wool-knit sweaters.

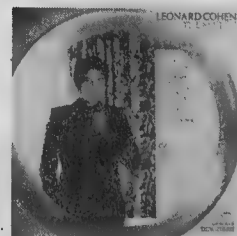
At the same time the viewer is watching the shots of pristine Icelandic nature, Birgisson's high falsetto range and slow rhythm complements the cadence of the film.

In a time when music is becoming increasingly electronic and less individual and homogenous, Sigur Ros' return to their natural environment reveals their opinion that music need not be complicated but organic.

## Diggin' in the crates

The B-Side raided WRUV's impenetrable music vaults and yanked some classic records. This is the real deal and you — dear readers — need only reap the benefits.

DJ Ranger Rick, of WRUV, gives you guys recommendations for your daily walk to school, starting with Monday. You can hear her show, "Nature vs. Nurture" every Thursday from 4-6 p.m.

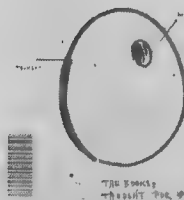


**Leonard Cohen**  
The Best of Leonard Cohen  
(Columbia Records)

This collection of greatest hits is an easy way to check out the folk song styles of Canadian poet Leonard Cohen.

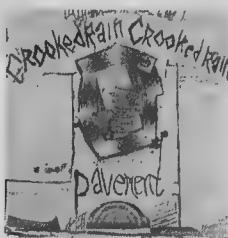
With songs like "Bird on the Wire," a description of Cohen's depression, and "Chelsea Hotel #2," detailing his love affair with Janis Joplin, it's a great fit for a Monday morning trudge to campus.

### The Books Thought for Food (Tomlab)



Cellist Paul de Jong and guitar and bass player Nick Zamuto make up this two-man band. The

Books create their signature sound by overlaying live playing with samples from speeches, random noises, bits of spoken word and other pieces of music. Check out "Read, Eat, Sleep" to hear samples from a children's spelling bee. This album is not only surprising, engaging and clever, but also quite beautiful.



**Pavement**  
Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain  
(Matador)

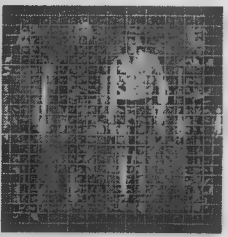
Classic '90s indie rock coming from the dirty, crunchy guitars of Stephen

Malkmus and Mark Ibold. All the songs are gems and will capture your mood on a cloudy Wednesday morning.



**Radiohead**  
Kid A  
(Columbia Records)

You just can't go wrong with this album. You might feel like you're still dreaming as you leave home listening to the hushed vocals and distorted purrs of "Everything in Its Right Place." The driving bass, strings, trumpets and slow pressure build of "The National Anthem" will leave you wanting to run up the hill, despite what you might have done last night.



**The Talking Heads**  
More Songs About Buildings and Food  
(Sire)

This is the second album ever released by the Talking Heads and the first produced by legend Brian Eno. "More Songs" is a new-wave masterpiece. If the funky rhythms of "Found a Job" and "Take Me to the River" don't get you pumped for a good Friday, you might just want to study in Bailey-Howe and not go out tonight.



# IN THE STUDIO with

## Oak

One of Burlington's only experimental ensembles, Oak, plays in their studio, The Enchanted Forest.



(John McMillin/ Vermont Cynic)

Toby Aronson and Sara-Paul Koeller of Oak in their south-end recording studio, The Enchanted Forest

By JOHN MCMILLIN

Assistant A&E Editor

Oak is a three-piece electro-acoustic drone group comprised of two UVM students, seniors Toby Aronson, Sara-Paul Koeller, and Chris Kunitiz. While my description might have been a bit of a mouthful, the band luckily simplifies it to *nu-new* age.

After playing together in various other projects, the three began Oak in the summer of 2006. Each of the three members has a history of playing and studying *avant-garde* music. Both Aronson and Koeller study musical composition at UVM and Kunitiz studied electro-acoustics at Concordia University in Montreal.

Working in the drone music genre, Oak rejects meter and standard song structure for a freer, more spacious sound. More interested in crafting a musical environment that you can get lost in, Oak gives less priority to music Cheap Monday-wearing hipsters can awkwardly nod their heads to.

"There's a timeless quality about the music with a focus not on melody or beat but on creating a space where you can really get into the sound," said Aronson. Through Oak's music they'd like to shape a space that is "non-linear and [that] could last forever."

Oak does this through using a single note or chord for the duration of a piece. When you hear the music you have total freedom in how your mind absorbs the sound. As the music is so minimal, your mind starts to wander and you notice the fluttering microtones dancing in the music. It's democratic. It's a meditative experience.

Their pieces are largely improvised but stringent in each work's tuning and preparation. Sometimes it takes the band as much as an hour to set up for a 20-minute performance as each instrument is meticulously tuned.

Oak performed an untitled composition for me in their

studio, which they affectionately call The Enchanted Forest, an apt name for the mood they seek to convey. The piece started off softly with sruti box and Koeller's processed vocals. Eventually a low bass rumble could be heard faintly in the distance, slowly sliding across the soundscape until all other sounds dissolved beneath its pressure.

Their sound reminds the listener of a more organic version of electronic-drone demigod Keith Fullerton Whitman's recordings. Oak uses acoustic instruments like the guitar, cello, double bass and harmonium, but affect the sound digitally using tremolo and delay pedals.

The band attempts to find a middle ground between the highly academic, ordered work they studied and composed in college, and improvised music that — much in the vein of John Cage — celebrates the continuous element of chance, making music that is much warmer than many noise-experimental bands.

It is the band's deep appre-

**"There's a timeless quality about the music with a focus not on melody or beat but on creating a space where you can really get into the sound,"**

**-Toby Aronson, member of the band**

ciation of sound and texture — not simply musical — that inspires them to play their instruments.

In a time when digital media — CDs and mp3s — are practically the only way people hear music, Oak is unique in their fondness for cassette tapes. "I think that recording things onto a tape mellow out that digital sound. A lot of things end up sounding really warm; it's a happy medium between digital and analog," said Koeller.

Oak released a split tape last autumn with Burlington harsh noise artist and label owner Snake in the Garden on his Grimeology Records imprint.

Oak, Snake in the Garden and free jazz-electronics group The Le Duo are slated to perform at Radio Bean Saturday, March 8 at midnight.



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From left: Koeller, Aronson and Chris Kunitiz play an untitled composition in The Enchanted Forest.

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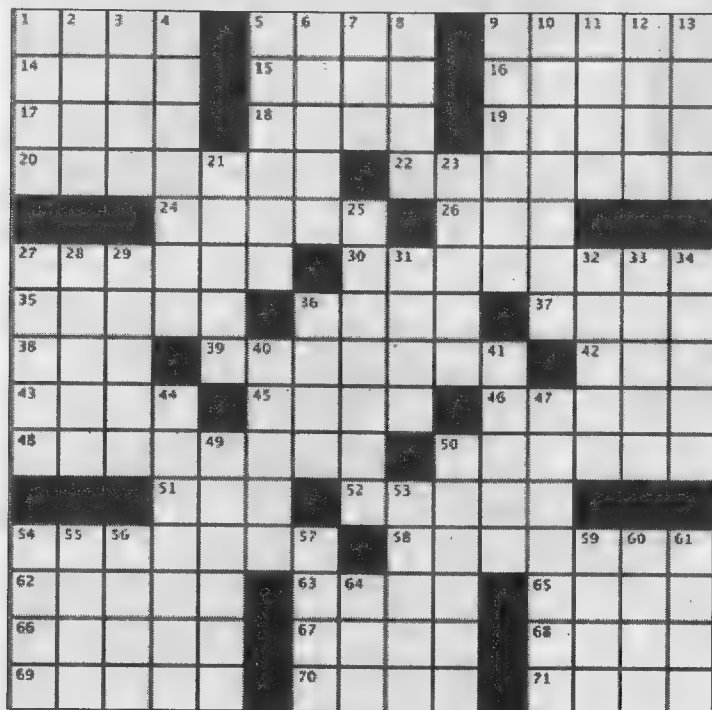
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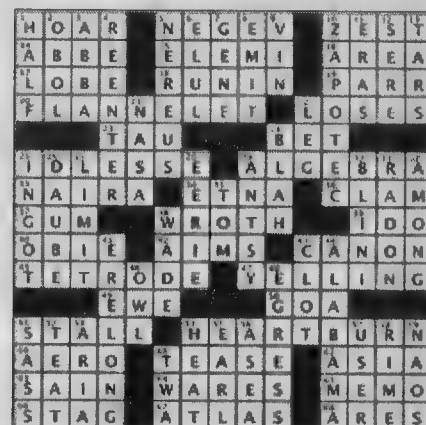
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9- Speed  
14- Melody  
15- Sicilian volcano  
16- Permit  
17- Mariners can sail on seven of these  
18- Astound  
19- Stare angrily  
20- Subordinate type  
22- Joke teller  
24- New Zealand aboriginal  
26- Gangster's gun  
27- Leave  
30- Arthropod having numerous legs  
35- Gnu cousin  
36- Lodge letters  
37- Wander  
38- Pitch  
39- Orator  
42- Electrically charged particle  
43- Famous last words  
45- Narrow path for walkers, cars or ships  
46- Fertile area in a desert  
48- Strike again  
50- Assent  
51- Plural of eye, to Spenser  
52- Tall and thin  
54- Red powdery condiment  
58- Mental  
62- Over  
63- Vamp Theda  
65- Moon of Jupiter

## DOWN

- 66- Triple  
67- Prepare for publication  
68- Single, individual unit  
69- Like some seals  
70- Distribute, with "out"  
71- Fellow  
1- Low in pitch  
2- Stead  
3- Bedouin  
4- Wedding VIP  
5- Autocrat  
6- Aquatic mammal  
7- Oxlike African antelope  
8- Squealed  
9- Minor Prophet of the 6th century  
10- Premier player  
11- Narrow strip of wood  
12- Ripped  
13- Pitcher  
21- Fenced areas  
23- Concur  
25- Select from a panel  
27- Prevent  
28- Overjoy  
29- Components  
31- Symbol of slavery  
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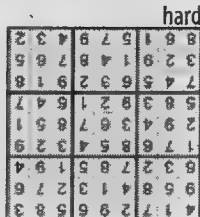
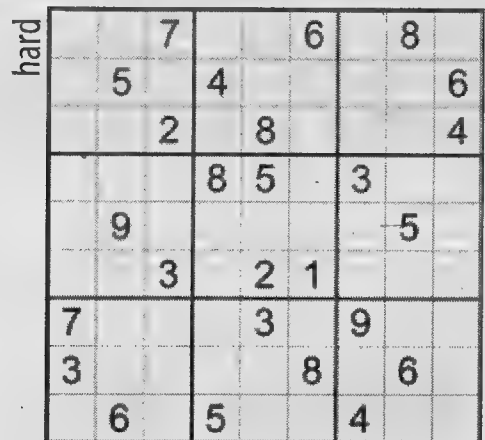
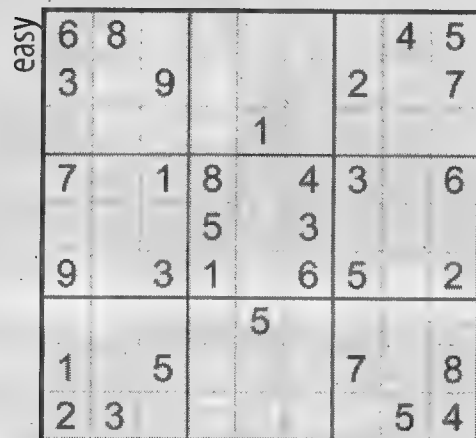
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54- Crown of the head  
55- Pearl Mosque city  
56- Duo  
57- In the sack  
59- 8th letter of the Hebrew alphabet  
60- Notion  
61- Group of tents  
64- "Much \_\_\_\_ About Nothing", play by Shakespeare

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If you could create a class at UVM what would the title be, or what would it be about?

Successful Ways to Date Someone.

Making Babies. It's offered at UNH.

I'm really interested in Medieval Literature.

The Effects of Pokemon on the Mainstream Media.

What are your plans for Spring Break?

Disney World.

Spring Break Burlington '08! Woohoo!!

Just going home.

Going home to Mass and probably visiting friends at their colleges.

Recommend a search on YouTube.

French Toast Song.

Black Ninja.

I don't think I've ever used YouTube.

Minor Haircut.

What was the last movie you watched?

Dodgeball.

The Big Lebowski.

You've Got Mail.

Semi-Pro.

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Cynical Inquisitor: Erica Brown

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Room  
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7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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12 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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JUDAISM 101  
Davis Center Boulder  
Society Room  
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LAW AND POLITICS  
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RHYTHM & BREWS  
COFFEEHOUSE  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

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Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
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CONVERSATION  
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# Lou's News

## A Not News Report by Louis Armistead Parents Find Out About Child's Expulsion Through School Newspaper

The parents of UVM junior, Toby Arknoff, found out about his recent expulsion not from him, but from reading about it in their subscription to the school newspaper.



"We don't hear much from Toby. He rarely calls or writes. And when he does, he's usually just asking for money," his mother said.

"The only way we can ever find out about what he's up to in school is when we read the paper and hope to see his name. We had no idea he got expelled until we read about it on the cover of *The Cynic*."

Apparently, Arknoff's father was not pleased to look at the cover and see a mug shot of his son's face with a headline that read, "Student Expelled for Exposing Self to Lunch Staff."

"I was furious. The worst part is the thousands of people who found out about this before I did. But at least I got an idea of what my son is up to in college. We haven't heard from him in weeks."

When asked why he has not been calling his parents lately, Arknoff replied, "I dunno. Just haven't had time."

The article also came as a bit of a shock to Arknoff's relatives, who receive a subscription to the newspaper as well.

Arknoff's parents want to know where their tuition money has been going, since they have been sending in a monthly payment. The question was initially raised when Arknoff was expelled.

"He called me and asked if he could take on the responsibility of paying his own tuition," his father said.

"All I had to do was send him the monthly check instead of the school. Naturally I thought this would be a great way to teach Toby some responsibility. But apparently he has been using this money to fund what the paper described as a 'cocaine habit'."

Toby had devised plans to keep his parents unaware of his expulsion. He had even drafted up a fake transcript with Adobe Photoshop to give his parents. He had planned on giving himself a 3.2.

Meanwhile, he had been using his parent's money for court fees, his newly developed drug habit and a particularly lengthy trip to Montreal.

"Despite being kicked out of school for indecent exposure, this has been the best two weeks of my life!"

His parents, while furious about his expulsion, are glad to finally be talking to their son again. "At least now we can have him home again," his mother said. "He's my only son and I miss him so much."

Arknoff can now look forward to a job at Denny's to pay back his father, a technical school associates degree and a rather awkward family reunion this summer.

# Empty yo' pockets

Interviews by SARAH ANDERS



Tess Ruswick  
Freshman

Contents:

- Nail Clipper: In case she needs to clip her nails on the go.
- Yellow highlighter: No young academic's bag is complete without one.
- Lucky Charm: "I got it free in a tea box," Ruswick said. Guess she's always getting lucky.
- CD: "This mixed CD is a gift from my suitemate, Laura," she said.
- Cell-phone: Duh.
- Earrings: "I've had them in my purse since 12th grade, when I totally rocked them out every day," she said.
- Banana: "I can snap a banana in half in one swift motion," she said. And she demonstrated!
- Burt's Bees Lip Gloss: Keeping lips smooth and shiny through the winter season.
- Green Nail polish: Not goth, but not too girly.
- Work Study Check: "I do work study in Marsh Life Science in the Bio Lab," she said.

**Conclusion:** A unique purse for a unique lady.



Joseph Thomas  
Senior

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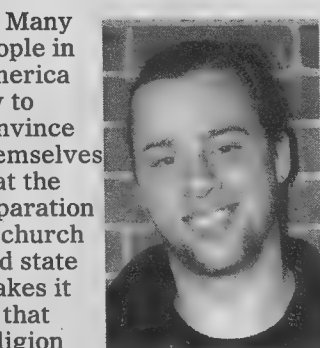
- Walkie Talkie: He works as a building manager at the Davis Center — or so he claims. (Secret Service, anyone?)
- Garage Door Opener: Also directly related to his Davis Center duties.
- Two cell phones: "I have two phones because someone might call you who you don't want to talk to, and you need a backup phone," Thomas said. "No, no, I have two phones because I'm a building manager." Suuuuuure.
- Hawaiian Lip Balm: "I like the taste of fruitiness on my lips," he said.
- Cash: A necessity.
- Buy seven Lunch Combos, Get one Free Coupon from Brennan's: Yes, but then you'd have to get seven meals from Brennan's. Eww.

**Conclusion:** Building manager with a twist. And he has massive pockets. Maybe he should talk to banana girl.

## View from above

### The future of religion in politics

Many people in America try to convince themselves that the separation of church and state makes it so that religion doesn't play into our politics.



Justin Lane

Lets not kid ourselves.

Rarely do we like to think about how much they are involved in one another.

John F. Kennedy, to this day, is the only non white-Anglo-Saxon protestant president we've ever had ... and he was shot.

But things are looking up.

This election is the first time that a Mormon (Mitt Romney) has made a valiant run for the White House. A few years ago there was a Jew (Joseph Lieberman) who ran. And now, for the first time in history, there are two major minority candidates with a real chance.

Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are running mainly on the platform of change. However, these candidates, in essence, wouldn't change a thing ... there would still be Christmas trees in the White House.

All in all, this really isn't a bad thing.

After eight years of King George and his crusaders, what we need, whether or not we want to admit it, is a moderate who can get the

job done.

George W. Bush used his religious beliefs to polarize the country. In an antiterrorism meeting on Nov. 6, 2001 in Warsaw, Bush admitted that "You're either with us or against us."

In the current administration, there seems no room for middle ground.

However, his successor can change that.

So what can our candidates do?

Because of her husband, Clinton has very close ties with the Christian community.

Obama, on the other hand, has an interesting secret weapon when it comes to policy and his religious background.

He was raised in a mixed Islamic-Christian family and attended an Islamic school.

Think of how the Muslim world will look at us with a darker-skinned male who knows and can relate to them on a personal level.

Our number one problem with the Middle East is that we view each other as polar opposites; Obama is a midpoint.

Contrast this to John McCain, a moderate whose number one selling point for dealing with the Mid-East is his military experience.

The other person running is Mike Huckabee. A white, southern, Anglo-Saxon, Baptist Minister.

Candidate for change?

No.

Candidate who will help solve our problems?

Probably not.

What we, as Americans, tend to forget, is that every time we elect a president, their religious affiliation and beliefs reflect on us as a country.

We should be looking not only at how candidates view other countries, but how other countries will view those candidates.

I don't want to say who will make the best president. Each is creditable for different reasons.

However, who would be able to bring our adversaries to the table instead of closing them out?

We not only need change, we need unity and a President who will be able to ensure both.

## The College Life

### Broke-ed-ness

By SUSAN FLUFFERTON

Cynic Correspondent

It's getting to that point in the school year: everyone is broke.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, and my friends and I have fallen victim to slumming due to our broke-ed-ness.

You've seen us around.

Attending ALANA meetings and UPB events just to scam free food.

Running late to class because we're filling out a 15-minute survey in the Davis Center atrium for a mere Milky Way mini bar.

Can you blame us?

With \$3.40 in my savings account and 38 cents in my checking account, I can't afford to buy food.

I can't even afford to withdraw money from an ATM, which is why I am always seen buying lighters at Rite Aid to get \$5 cash back.

And as my broke-ed-ness increases, the quality of my diet subsequently decreases, as in nothing for breakfast, nothing for lunch, and by 4 p.m. I'm so hungry I end up spending 10 bucks at New World Tortilla for a Thai chicken wrap and a drink.

So much for being economical.

While I eagerly await my bi-weekly \$137 UVM work-study check, I even begin to consider participating in sketchy Fletcher Allen studies.

Seems easy enough, take a little Viagra and make \$75 bucks! So what if I'm a woman.

Then things start to get really desperate.

I usually begin by searching my car and apartment for change I can cash in at Coinstar.

And while cans and bottles are only worth five cents, I begin to religiously separate them from my recycling like a homeless person.

Then I skip class to drive to the north end to cash them in, all for \$3.45.

The alcohol I consume also begins to decrease in quality as my bank account dwindles.

While I started the year drinking handles of Ketel One and Miller Lite bottles, I can now be seen around town sipping on S.S. Pierce and Natty light.

Come on, they were on sale!

It is interesting though that when I have \$15 to my name, a thirty rack sounds like an excellent way to spend it.

And when my funds are completely depleted, I am forced to flirt with sketchy men at RiRa's in order to procure free drinks.

What am I supposed to do, stop drinking altogether?

Checks also seem like a good idea due to their time lapse.

Good thing my drug dealer accepts them for \$10 grams.

Despite my lack of monetary funds and the outrageous gas prices these days, like any lazy college student, I still drive up to campus Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

9:05 class at L/L, you have got to be kidding me.

Not to worry though, warm weather and summer jobs are quickly approaching, so by next September, I should once again have thousands to spend on alcohol, drugs and New World.

I can hardly wait.

## What it takes to have a good time across the border

By TERRA-NOVA SADOWSKI

Senior Staff Writer

Alex Andrews had a plan to party. Recently, the junior at UVM and his friends tried to cross the border into Canada.

"We'd been planning to go for a while and were pretty psyched," he said. "Then we got all the way up there and the customs agent told us we didn't have the proper paperwork, handed us some lame pamphlet and turned us around!"

Andrews' case is just one example of a trip to Canada gone wrong. Recently, there have been some changes in our country's economy, and border policy.

This leaves many people wondering what they'll need to enter the country, and where they can go to make their trip worthwhile.

### Transportation

Andrews guessed that the 100-mile trip would have cost \$35 in gas between him and his friends.

For those without a car, nonstop bus rides are available from Greyhound on the weekends. The catch is that the ride is two and a half hours long, and costs between \$58 and \$78.

Also, if you plan on exercising your Canadian drinking rights, be sure to bring some cash for taxis.

### Paperwork

According to the pamphlet given to Andrews, on Jan. 31 a new law came into effect requiring US citizens 19 and older to present their photo ID, as well as proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or a passport when crossing the border.

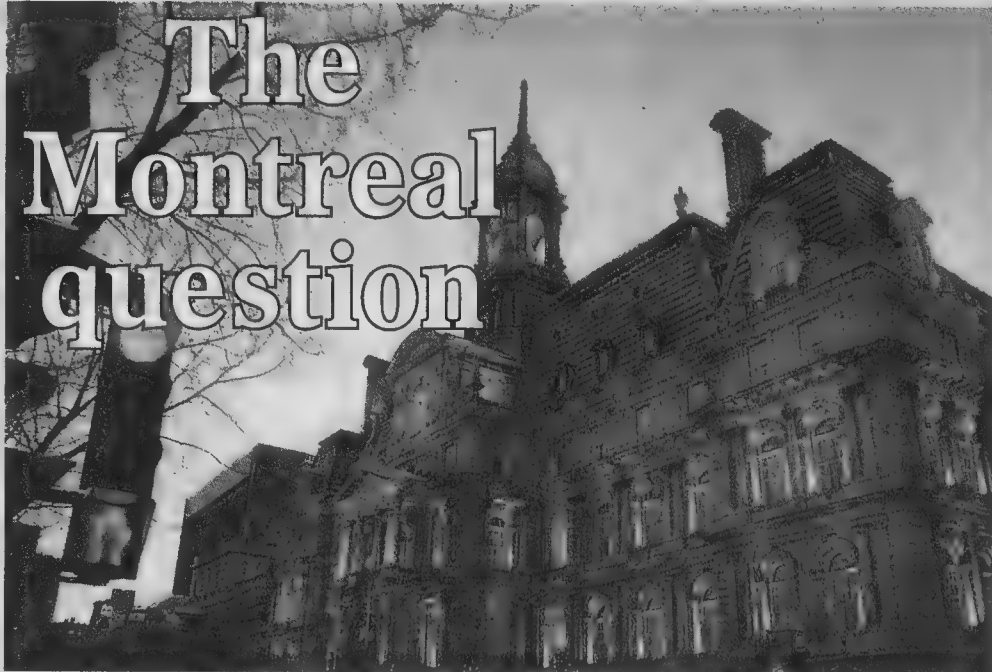
This is a big change for students who are used to only needing their ID, especially since the price of a passport has recently been increased to \$100, according to the US Department of State Web site.

However, for \$45, it is possible to buy a Passport Card, which can only be used for land and sea travel between the US and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

### Lodging

If you are lucky enough to get past the

## The Montreal question



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

The City Hall in Old Montreal is just one of the many sites to see while in Canada. Night life in Old Montreal differs from the bustling night life of New Montreal.

customs officials, there's a good chance they've asked you where you're staying. While many students opt to stay with friends or family in the area, not everyone has such a luxury.

For those who can't afford the Sheraton, cheaper motels in the area can be found with a quick Google search.

There is also the option of youth hostels, for the adventurous type, such as the Auberge de Jeunesse, for \$30 a night, according to [www.Visiting-Montreal.com](http://www.Visiting-Montreal.com). But it's not recommended for those who aren't comfortable sleeping in a room full of strangers.

### The Fun Part

The famous St. Catherine street offers endless choices of bars, restaurants and stores, but there are hidden getaways as well.

Mike Anderson, a McGill student, recommends Café Hookah on St. Denis in the Latin Quarter for a good time.

"Café Hookah is a wonderful place to smoke at a really cheap price, and they'll generally play a Radiohead album all the

way through. You can sit in these awesome Persian tents and order local microbrews from this huge menu."

Unfortunately, Café Hookah closes at 2 a.m., and this is not an acceptable time for many Vermonters to stop partying.

Elliot Levi, a self-proclaimed Canada connoisseur, says his time in Montreal is never spent without a visit to Club Stereo, at the East end of St. Catherine.

"Stereo opens at 2 a.m. and closes around 10 a.m. It's the best place to go for bruxia-inducing progressive house music."

DJ Magazine rated Stereo the number 11 dance club in the world in 2007.

For many UVM students, Montreal becomes an extension of college life on the weekends.

Whatever Vermont doesn't have, there is always Canada.

Although, such an outing might not seem to require planning at first, it's still good to know what to bring, and where you plan to go when you cross the border. C'est merveilleux!

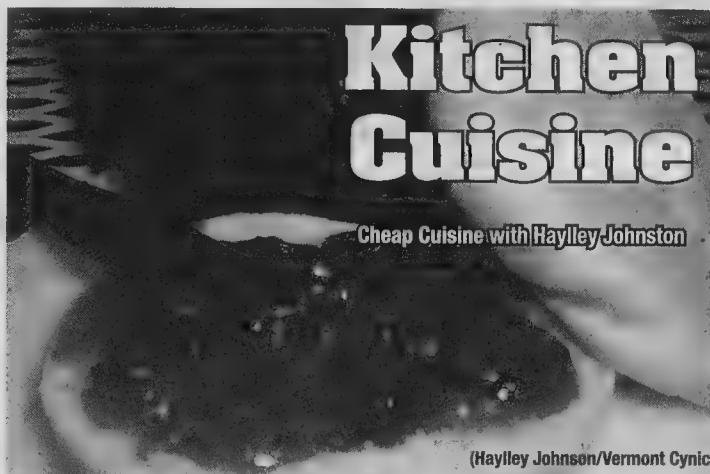
## Berry Jam

Although this interesting cooking expedition may not be a meal by itself, this recipe certainly adds flare to your morning toast or English muffin.

### Ingredients:

- Two and one half cups blackberries
- Two and one half cups strawberries
- One fourth teaspoon vanilla
- One packet of pectin
- Six cups sugar

Wash the berries, remove the tops of the strawberries, cut out the center and dice what is left. When removing



(Hayley Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

the centers, do not cut off too much of the berry. Only remove the slightly fuzzy part in the middle.

Place the cleaned blackberries and the

## Kitchen Cuisine

Cheap Cuisine with Hayley Johnston

strawberries in a large pot. Mash the berries vigorously with a potato masher. Turn on the burner to a medium/high heat. Stir the mixture so that it does not burn, while adding

the package of pectin slowly to the mixture.

Pectin can be found in the baking section of your grocery store. It is what makes the jam the proper consistency.

Bring the berry mush to a constant boil, one that will not disappear with stirring. Next, add the sugar and continue to stir. Keep heating the mixture until all of the sugar melts and is incorporated into the fruit.

Finally, remove from the heat and place in storage containers. Using an old, clean spaghetti sauce jar is a much quicker way to store jam than the classic canning method.

Although your jam will not keep for as long in a jar, it will still take awhile to go bad.

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## Prosecution wins MGQ suppression hearing

By DANIELLE DIARBAKERLY  
News Editor

After a month-long break in the hearing, a judge ruled that police followed protocol in gathering evidence in the trial against the alleged murderer of Michelle Gardner-Quinn.

The evidence, including a videotaped interview, will be allowed at the trial.

"The court is unable to identify a single statement in response to police questioning that was not the product of the defendant's free will.

"With two exceptions ... the defendant was never told that he was under arrest, that he was not free to leave police presence or that he had to answer police questions. In fact, he was commonly told the opposite," Judge Michael Kuper-Smith said in a filing made after the decision on Friday.

Rooney is being charged with the murder of UVM student Michelle Gardner-Quinn who disappeared in October of 2006.

Her body was found five days later by hikers in Richmond, Vt.

The majority of an over four-hour-long filmed interview, which was shown in court in late January, between Rooney and police will be allowed as evidence.

According to the *Burlington Free Press*, the following, potentially incriminating, statements will be admissible in the trial:

- "I don't know what happened. I can't remember."

- "I really don't know what happened. Honestly, I don't remember that night."

- "That's what scares me: I don't know. I deserve to die if I did something."

- "You think I'm guilty."

"Rooney is jailed without bail at the Northwest State Correctional Facility in St. Albans Town and faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole if convicted," according to the *Burlington Free Press*.

David Sleight, the attorney for the defendant, expressed concern with the publicity of the trial according to the *Burlington Free Press*. He requested that the trial be relocated.

Kuper-Smith set the tentative date of the start of the trial for May 5, 2008 but will not yet make a decision on the location of it, according to the *Burlington Free Press*.

## Sophomores battle for presidency

By MEGAN BRANACCIO  
Senior Staff Writer

Diversity and multitude were not words fit to describe the 2008 Student Government Association (SGA) presidential debate, or rather, duel.

This year's opposing candidates for president are Michael Glynne and James "Jay" Taylor, both of whom are white, male sophomores with two years of experience on SGA.

**Check out page 5 to find out which candidate The Cynic endorses**

Glynne is currently the Speaker of the Senate, while Taylor is the chair of the Student Action Committee.

The debate was held last Thursday in the Waterman Memorial Lounge, and was organized through a collaboration of Emma Grady, the election chair of SGA and William Sedlack, the operations manager of *The Vermont Cynic*.

Before the question period began Glynne said that he felt content, while Taylor admitted that he was nervous.

"How could you not be?" he said.

A question panel of six members, included representatives from groups ranging from the Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) to Free2-

Be; Dr. Elizabeth Fenton of the English department served as the mediator.

The first question of the night came from senior Jesse Schauben; he asked the candidates if they would be in favor of the diversity training of those involved in SGA.

Glynne answered first and said that he believed in an all or nothing stance, meaning that either everyone or no one should receive training.

"Some students might be uncomfortable with this diversity training," he said.

Taylor, on the other hand, said he would definitely be in favor of such training.

"UVM is a diverse place [and] we really need to embrace that," he said.

The issue regarding the Red Cross on campus was also brought up during the debate.

Both Glynne and Taylor said that they would not support the banning of the Red Cross because of its policies.

"I don't agree with their policies," Taylor said, "but the Red Cross is important."

"If you really want to make a stance, you should go to the FDA," Glynne said.

Other topical issues brought to the table included safety, ALANA, legislation, the meal plan and leadership.

After members of the panel each asked two questions, the audience was given an opportunity to field questions.

One question included what main concerns the candidates planned to work with



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Scott McCarty, Chair of the Committee on Legislative Action, asks a question to SGA Presidential candidates Michael Glynne and James "Jay" Taylor. Elections will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

and change in the upcoming school years.

Taylor said that because of the construction of the Plant Science building, parking spaces will be scarce, but he intends to find solutions, such as a running shuttle to the Sheraton hotel where students have been given spots.

The problem Glynne addressed dealt with dining facilities closing too early around campus. He said he would encourage students to lobby the administration to support more hours of operation.

At the end of the question session, each candidate closing remarks.

"It's my belief that the head of the student body should not

be sitting at a desk," Glynne said.

"My experience on SGA and in the RA position has prepared me for this role," Taylor said.

"I think the debate went really well," Josh Miller, the sole SGA Vice Presidential candidate and current member of the Student Activities Committee, said.

"Both candidates were prepared, but I think Jay came with more knowledge of the student body whereas Glynne came with more problems that are not within the jurisdiction of the SGA to fix."

Voting stations will be set up Tuesday and Wednesday, at the Davis Center.

## Catamounts fall to BC Eagles to end season



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

The Catamounts magical second-half run came to a halt on Saturday with a 4-0 loss to #8 Boston College at TD Bank North Garden in Boston in the finals of the Hockey East Conference Tournament. The Cats got to the final after defeating Northeastern three games to two in the first round and then came back from a goal down to defeat Boston University on Friday night to advance to the finals. It was Vermont's first appearance in the final game in their three years in the conference. For full story see page 7.

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# SGA PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Michael Glynne and James Taylor respond to questions from News Editor Danielle Diarbakerly

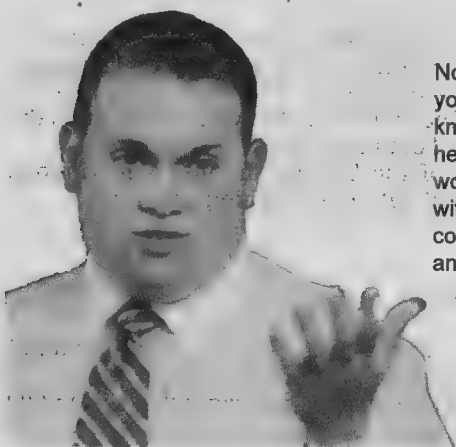
I think the biggest problem on campus deals with the increase in the cost of attending UVM. Tuition continues to rise and that needs to stop.

There are a few avenues that can be explored to achieve my goal of lowering tuition. As SGA President you can attend Board of Trustee Meetings as well as the Vermont State Legislature Appropriations Committee meetings with President Fogel and testify and lobby for lowering tuition from the board as well as asking for more support from the state of Vermont in the Appropriations Committee.

I believe that my two years on SGA senate especially as speaker has helped me see the ins and outs of President. I have to make tough decisions everyday as speaker and being President is no different. President also has to deal with the student body in a fair and unbiased way, that's how I have to run the senate every Tuesday night.

The most important thing I have done at the university deals with the Red Cross Debate. I spent hours preparing for the meeting. The numerous phone calls and emails from top leaders of the Red Cross and the local and regional media helped promote an unbiased and very informative discussion on the subject. The ideas and information that was brought forth by those for and against the Red Cross was vital for the UVM community.

If I was elected President, the student body would have elected a person who is hardworking, passionate, honest, dedicated, and most importantly caring. It's a belief of mine that more can be accomplished when people know you care. It would be my duty as President to listen and help all of the student body regardless of the issue.



No matter of how difficult a time you are having, it is important to know that I am always there to help. As SGA President not only would help, but I would do it with a smile because a happier community can lead to bigger and better things.

**Michael Glynne**

**What do you feel is the number one issue on campus?**

**What actions will you take in order to attempt to rectify this problem?**

**What do you feel is the most important work you have done at the University?**

**What do you feel is the most important work you have done at the University?**

**If you are elected SGA president, in what ways will that benefit the University?**

**Why do you feel that you are qualified to be SGA president?**

**Elections are Tuesday and Wednesday at the Davis Center and the Bailey Howe Library**

The number one issue is that many students don't feel that they can have their voices heard.

There are many different ways that students can be heard at UVM and they range from really easy to really involved. I want students to know that they can send random feedback to the SGA at any time and that we will follow up with them. I also want students to know that if they wish to take a more active role there are numerous presidential commissions and campus advisory groups that have student positions appointed by the SGA president. I will make sure that those who want to be heard will be.

Besides the perspective that being an RA has given me, my SGA experience has really prepared me for the role of SGA president. As chair of SGA's Student Action Committee is has been my job to listen to students who want to give their feedback, seek feedback when students aren't already providing it and know exactly which administrator in which department to take that feedback to. I have established good working relationships with many administrators and this has enabled me to work with them effectively in representing students.

The most important work I have done here is that regarding safety. While the work of my committee in pointing out areas where the physical safety of the University could be improved has brought several changes to this campus, I think it has helped everyone understand that no place can always be safe and that we all need to look after one another and take care of the people we care about in this community.

If I am elected to be SGA president the students will gain an ally with the knowledge of the UVM administration to know how to work with administrators effectively, but with the voice of a student.

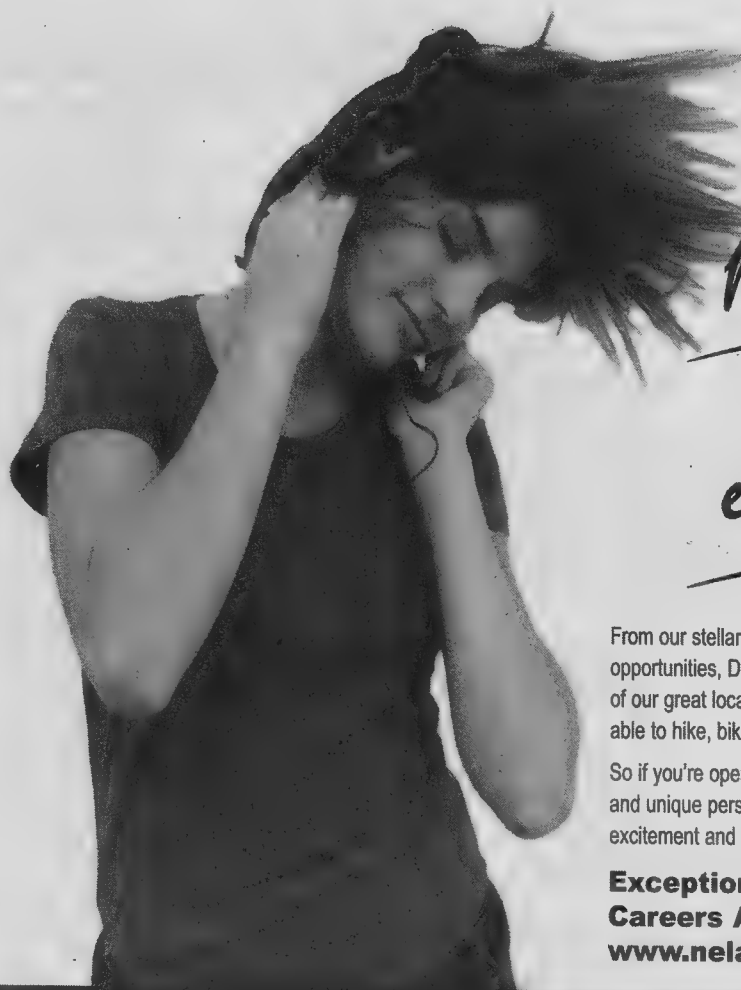
I recognize that SGA clubs are important to many students at UVM and it will be the duty of the SGA to serve as a resource for our clubs and help them prosper. Like it has been this year, if I am elected the SGA office will be a place where all students can feel comfortable sharing their thoughts about UVM and know that their opinions will always be welcome.

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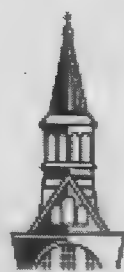
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# Davis Center gets gold

The new Dudley H. Davis Center finally gets its LEED designation, ranking as the highest LEED certified student center in the country by the Green Building Council

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Assistant Managing Editor

As a school with the reputation for being green, the environmentally friendly University of Vermont has another color to add to its name: gold.

The school's new student center, the Dudley H. Davis Center, was awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold designation by the U.S. Green Building Council last month, the University announced in a press release.

According to the press release, UVM is the first university in the nation to have a student union recognized with this accolade.

"In pursuing our goal of being a premier environmental university, we wanted to set the highest environmental standard for this signature UVM building," University President Daniel Fogel said. "We more than met our goal."

The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED certifications rate buildings in six categories of sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation and design process, according to the Building Council's web site.

How a project scores in each of those categories can lead to a total of 69 possible points where buildings can qualify for four different ascending classifications — certified, silver, gold and platinum — according to the web site.

The Davis Center's energy



(Tom Ford Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)  
A sign inside the Dudley H. Davis Center next to a plant. The Davis Center was just awarded Gold LEED certification for its green amenities.

efficient design anticipates the use of 52 percent less energy than other equally sized constructions because of a variety of insulating systems, such as the occupancy sensors, designed to regulate electricity used to provide

**"In pursuing our goal of being a premier environmental university, we wanted to set the highest environmental standard for this signature UVM building. We more than met our goal."**

**-Daniel Mark Fogel  
UVM President**

air conditioning, heating and ventilation, according to the press release.

A row of windows at the top and louvers — slatted frames designed to admit light and air — on the second floor in the atrium earned the Davis Center credit for the innovation and design category, acting as a natural chimney to draw out smoke, according to University releases.

The Davis Center was also awarded points for promoting alternative transportation, recycling of more than 92 per-

cent of construction waste by weight, the use of products with recycled content and a green roof that reduces storm water runoff, the press release stated.

"This is a really good step for UVM as we move forward," sophomore eco-rep Alice Porco said. "It shows that we are actually doing something and will hopefully promote more eco-friendly practices in the future."

University policy states that all new and major renovation building construction projects should achieve the equivalent of the LEED Silver level.

"The University has done a lot, but there's so much more we could do," Porco said. "Trinity Campus could be greened-up to fix the heating and lighting issues."

In addition to the Davis Center, UVM currently has one LEED Gold certified and three Silver certified buildings with one under review — the University Heights complex, the Carrigan Wing addition to Marsh Life Sciences, the Wing/Davis/Wilks complex and the 438 College Street historic preservation, respectively.

"We have the green reputation," Porco said. "Now we just have to fully realize its potential."

## NEWS SUMMARY

### INTERNATIONAL

#### TAIWAN

##### Nationalist Ma elected president

Ma Ying-Jeou, former Taipei mayor from the Nationalist Party, won the Saturday election in Taiwan. Ma is the first president elected who advocates for closer economic ties with China. These ties with China's fast-growing economy could lead to Taiwan's return to a period of economic growth.

The Nationalist Party won three-quarters of the legislature in January elections, leaving Ma with almost complete political power after his inauguration scheduled for May 20.

#### PAKISTAN

##### Military force used only as a last resort

Leaders of Pakistan's new coalition government plan to negotiate with those believed to be organizing attacks to formulate a more independent stance from Washington.

U.S. officials fear that this is a softening stance toward militants, but Pakistani leaders insist that the conflict must be dealt with internally.

#### SENEGAL

##### Sudanese-Chadian peace pact reached

The presidents of Chad and Sudan signed an agreement to end cross-border rebel attacks in the Darfur region on Thursday. The agreement calls for a formation of a "contact group" of foreign ministers from African nations that would meet to make sure that the pact is carried out properly.

The secretary general of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon and the president of Senegal witnessed signing.

#### IRAQ

##### U.S. troops to stay for now

President Bush is to make a decision before April 1 on a bill that would suspend any future troop decreases in Iraq.

There are now 155,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, which is 15,000 less than the high 170,000 from last fall.

Violence in Iraq decreased in the latter half of the past year, but recently civilian casualties have begun to rise, resulting in the proposed hold on troop reduction.

#### ITALY

##### Mozzarella appears with toxins in Naples

Health authorities found high levels of the chemical manufacturing byproduct dioxin in samples of buffalo milk products in the greater Naples region.

Dozens of herds of buffalo were quarantined following the sweeping criminal investigation linking the high chemical levels to the corner-cutting ways of the local Mafiosi. Sales from the already economically depressed region fell by nearly half, according to a farmers' association.

All information collected from The New York Times and Der Spiegel.

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#### PHILADELPHIA

##### Unrealistic ambitions about wireless cities

The 2005 plans for a 135 square mile municipal Wi-Fi grid came to a standstill when service providers withdrew because of the anticipated lack of profits.

Community organizations in the cities and towns that planned to match Philadelphia's goal of free wireless access now worry about prospects of providing Internet access to poor neighborhoods.

Some cities have disconnected their Wi-Fi grids, leaving many without access, but Philadelphia officials say service will remain. Many cities are putting plans for citywide wireless on indefinite hold.

#### MISSOURI

##### Midwest still dealing with major storms

Serious flooding occurred near St. Louis, submerging houses, businesses and threatening I-44. Forecasters predicted that the Meramec River would reach around 40 feet.

In Missouri and Arkansas, hundreds of houses have been evacuated. In Illinois and Wisconsin, snow grounded hundreds of airplane flights and created dangerous travel conditions.

#### VERMONT

##### Prison inmates sue for "foul food"

The Vermont Supreme Court heard a class action suit brought by inmates who claim meals of nutraloaf are food but a punishment on Monday. Prison officials use nutraloaf as a tool for behavior modification, while inmates say a formal disciplinary process should be necessary before being subjected to the food.

Once inmates stop throwing feces, urine, trays and silverware, they are no longer given nutraloaf, explained Vt. Corrections Commissioner Rob Hofmann.

#### BURLINGTON

##### Cold-weather grapes support Shelburne Vineyard

Shelburne Vineyard opened a new tasting room on Route 7 that embodies the green-building ideal.

The facility consolidated a large part of the Vineyard's operations and will maintain three acres of vines at Meach Cove Trust.

The new grapes and space are hoped to double the company's production.

## NY Times scientist talks on climate change

By JESSICA BARTLETT

Life and Style Editor

"This pale blue dot — so much has unfolded," said Andrew Revkin as he looked up at a photo of earth projected on the screen.

A science writer for *The New York Times* since 1995, Revkin came to UVM on March 18 to talk about the issues involved in global climate change.

His lecture, "Making Sense of Climate Change from the North Pole to the White House" centered around the problems presented by a growing population, the hinders of journalism in the sciences, and the need for dramatic evidence of a warming climate to spur action.

"How do you make a big movement?" Revkin asked the audience. Even though there is evidence, climate change is happening, said Revkin, it is not as dramatic as we'd like it to be.

Although photos of drowning polar bears and foggy cities have more shock value, in all actuality, the less dramatic problems are actually the more pressing.

Scientific discoveries lack-

ing that journalistic "punch," what Revkin called the "front page thought," are usually put in the recesses of a newspaper and, consequently, in the recesses of the public's mind, said Revkin.

In addition to journalistic obstacles, another issue with getting the word out about climate change is the doubt caused by skeptics.

"There will always be discord between scientists," said Revkin, "For every PhD there is an equal and opposite PhD."

However, most of the skepticism spurs from the fact that there is no concrete data to predict the future. "We can only speculate," said Revkin.

This inability to see what's ahead also has many also wondering about the effect of our rapidly growing population.

"There are 6.7 billion people now ... and it's predicted to be around 9 billion in the next hundred years," said Revkin. The all-pressing question is: what then?

With sea-level on the rise, and an increasingly more polluted earth abound, we need to be aware, said Revkin. However most people, he stated, aren't ready to be.

"Earth is increasingly

what we choose to make it ... and we're not ready for that responsibility," said Revkin.

"We have a lot of work to do," he told the audience after showing numerous pictures of ice depletion and discussing how 29 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> are released into the atmosphere every year.

However, the problems of climate change don't stop there.

According to a graph from [www.aas.org](http://www.aas.org) shown in the presentation, spending on climate change problems has been steadily decreasing as time progresses.

"Wealth and technology isolate us from the climate risks," said Revkin about the nation's lack of concern for climate change.

"We have a finite basket of worries," said Revkin, saying that usually global climate isn't one of them.

However, there are solutions in sight.

With a blog at [www.nytimes.com/dotearth](http://www.nytimes.com/dotearth), Revkin said that much of the research not dramatic enough for the newspaper is still being discussed, and awareness is steadily increasing.

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## In hopes of a bright future, we choose ...

We as students sit at the crossroads where UVM's past and its present intersect. The University is experiencing immense growth each year and is trying to transform from a New England party school to a top East Coast public school.

As is such, the University needs a Student Government president who is capable and willing to guide the students through this period of change and establish a firm view for the future.

Following Thursday's presidential debates, personal interviews and research of both candidates political history, we do not feel a strong affinity for either candidate.

Neither James Taylor nor Michael Glynn expressed a cohesive goal or platform on which they are running and both seemed jaded and lackluster-at-best with their positions about the future of UVM.

Sure Mike is set on having an

open door policy and Jay is dedicated to safety on and off campus with his lighting initiative, but does either candidate understand the broad scope of the job, and does either hold the best interests of the students at the top of their agenda? We left the debates without an answer.

To their detriment and advantage, both candidates are young. As sophomores, both have a lot to learn but also have the potential to be in office for two years — a boon for high-minded and far-sighted individuals whose plans may extend beyond the single term granted to the president.

But neither candidate's campaign has demonstrated the drive, focus and clear set of goals that would suggest that they might really affect change.

That being said, this is not a condemnation, but a call to duty.

We promised an endorsement and one candidate did represent

the potential to grow into the leader that we need from SGA President.

James Taylor, good luck. We support your campaign to be the next SGA president and wholeheartedly hope for you to do great things, but, in the same token, you should expect to be held to a very high standard.

Coming from a senatorial spot where he has thrived and championed his specific causes surrounding safety, Taylor is realistic and personable.

Taylor possesses the openness, humility and youth to grow successfully as a leader and create a more accessible and positive presidential office that will lead the dynamic student body to more success in its bright future.

Taylor is the better candidate; there are a myriad of possibilities for how his presidency could turn out, we hope for and expect the best of him.

## A speech, rare in form

Last week brought about a time-honored but fading relic of the American political tradition — the good speech. Barack Obama should be commended for speaking directly and honestly to America, in the words of Jon Stewart, "... as if we were adults."

The speech, and the media coverage it received, provides us with a distant but real hope. It is a small kernel of reason burning dimly through the miles of fog and unreason that congest today's airwaves.

His talk was not littered with platitudes — none of the same tired and tiring phrases that choke and sputter from the mouths of all the big players these days. It provided us with, for the first time in a long

while, a credo that was crafted and penned in the hand of the speechmaker. It was art.

Yet, his speech was more than a call for better race relations. It was a plea for rationality and sense within the media. It was a hand plunged into the muck and morass searching for fingertips. It may be that his intentions are no better than any of his opponents and that, for him, a speech is simply another way to score points — he may be cast out of that same wretched and duplicitous mold from which politicians have been stamped for generations.

Even this scenario — when we stack the cards against his character to the utmost degree — marks a

turning point in modern U.S. politics.

For the first time since we have held the capacity to think such things, we have witnessed a politician appeal to the part of our brain that calculates, makes decisions and bears within it all the rationality and reason that makes human beings so special.

It called upon individuals to rethink the ways they comprehend politics and to crack a pattern of unreason that has echoed across our nation and throughout its halls of government.

His speech lay bare what seems to be the Obama credo — "think," which is something we haven't done as a nation in a very long time.



## Letters to The Editor

### DUI cheetham and Howe

It's time to toughen Vermont's DUI laws.

Last November 17, 2007, I lost my nephew, Nick Fournier, of Swanton, when he was killed by a man with multiple Driving License Suspended and DUI convictions.

This man was driving drunk and going the wrong way on I-89 in Winooski.

Nick was a loving family member, a mature and responsible young adult, a truly "good kid" and athlete full of promise and life.

I was shocked to learn that Vermont is one of the few states that allow individuals to own a vehicle without a valid operator's license.

I was horrified to hear that one doesn't need to show proof of insurance to register a vehicle, and also that there is no mandatory minimum jail sentence for a DUI resulting in death.

Perhaps the passage of a bill correcting these problems would not have saved Nick, but it might save the lives of some other Vermont citizens who are annually killed by drunk drivers.

There were 27 deaths in Vermont caused by DUI in 2002, the most recent year of documented statistics.

DUI deaths resulting are on the rise in Vermont as well as across the nation. No other Vermont family should lose one of their own beloved members in a tragedy that could possibly be prevented with stronger law enforcement.

I have become aware that the dangers of drunk driving are pervasive all over Vermont. In the last three days I have read about two accidents in the Rutland area cause by driving under the influence.

In talking with friends all over Vermont, they have told me of how they and their families have been personally impacted by someone's DUI. There is an opportunity for Vermont citizens to make a difference and prevent further tragedy.

Representative Kathy Lavoie of Swanton and 40 other Vermont legislators have sponsored House Bill

H-824/Nick's Law, which will correct these and other problems with Vermont DUI laws.

In an effort to bring a new focus to strengthening the state's DUI laws, Franklin County has declared March 25, "Nick's Day" in the Vermont legislature.

Our family, Nick's friends and neighbors want to make sure that his memory, and the memories of all DUI victims, is bigger than life in the Statehouse.

The Vermont Legislature needs to have the fortitude to say, "No more," because the people of Vermont deserve no more deaths at the hands of drunk drivers.

I encourage you as a Vermonter and family member to get involved in moving H-824/Nick's Law forward by contacting your Vermont legislator in anticipation of, March 25.

Please write, email or phone your area legislators immediately to tell them of your personal stories of DUI and urge them to toughen Vermont's DUI laws NOW.

Let him or her know that DUI is a matter of concern for all Vermonters.

Drunk driving not only results in death but also causes serious injuries and lifelong burdens. If you are a family member, friend or community member who has suffered as a result of DUI, please consider joining Nick's family and friends in Montpelier this Tuesday.

For more information on "Nick's Day," please contact Representative Kathy Lavoie at 802-782-1924 or klavoie@leg.state.vt.us. H-824/Nick's Law or any version of it would stop further harm to Vermont citizens.

Let's get started by addressing DUI NOW to improve what we have and make Vermont's DUI law federally compliant and on par with other states.

Let's put some teeth into Vermont's DUI laws THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION and make Vermont a safer place for all families.

Respectfully,  
Lou Ann Fournier Hale  
Rutland, VT

### A Missing voice

In your recent article, "Sentence deferred for Glynne graffiti," I couldn't help but notice a glaring omission in your follow up reporting.

An interview or even a quote from Andy Black (the charged student) was completely missing.

This lack of balance in voices caused the article to skew the graffiti incident, the actual outcomes from the charges and essentially silenced the voice of the student that this article was in large part about.

The Red Cross debate on the campus has stirred many deeper conversations here at UVM, I would hope that it would also inspire deeper reporting from *The Cynic*.

Might I suggest another article that includes the views and perspective of Andy Black, or that *The Cynic* acknowledge that there was a gap in the coverage on the sentencing?

Respectfully,  
Lluvia Mulvaney-Stanak  
Grad Student 2010

## The rich and the white

Barack Obama was forced to cut ties with his former Reverend, Jeremiah Wright, after internet videos surfaced of him making anti-American comments. He said the world was, "run by rich white people." Is he wrong?



Tom Mertz

Obama was forced by the media to cut ties with his minister. Who runs the media? Here's a hint: they're rich and white.

Rich, white people have ruled this country since the start. Washington was, and I'm willing to bet the most powerful person before him was, a rich, white man too.

Who owns all the banks? Who writes all the laws? Who is in charge of the military?

The laws in this country during slavery and Jim Crow used to be incredibly, explicitly racist. That has since changed but the system itself hasn't changed.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, black people are about 13 percent of the U.S. population — yet they make up about 90 percent of the people behind bars. Seems sort of fishy.

Society moves on its own and it would be nice to think that it's only a small matter of time before America "gets it" and stops operating in a way that systemat-

ically dishes out benefits to people just on the basis of their place in society. I'm talking about you, rich actor that got off for drug possession.

Since banking on the system to fix itself probably won't work, lets turn to the powerful folks, the politicians.

Historically, blacks haven't had much participation in voting. I don't blame them, though, because I can't think of any reason why they should. Come to think of it I can't think of any reason why I should vote either.

Let's consider some of the worse-off, poor and oppressed black people in America today.

They probably live in an inner city housing project surrounded by others as poor as them.

They are surrounded by drugs, crime and handguns. Their children go to under funded public education systems meant to keep them ignorant and poor so it is hard to make it out of the projects.

According to the statistics, there's a good chance many people they know are behind bars.

Do any of our major political parties (I'm looking at you republicans and democrats) have a proposal to fix this? No.

All we talk about is, "saving the middle-class." Why do we need to save the middle-class, is the lower-class not worth saving? God forbid people from the middle-class fall and end up in

the lower-class.

That would be disastrous because the government doesn't spend money on people like that. Neither party has any plans to either.

So why should a poor and oppressed inner-city black person vote? Are they Republicans or Democrats? Of course not and for good reason; no one from these parties ever seriously talks about helping them. That's a major disaster of American politics, and the media allows it by not shining light on it.

I wish we could only consider equality and group people either as oppressed or not oppressed. However, America's racist past won't allow us to do so. For far too long the laws made it all about race and that just hasn't worn off yet.

On a recent episode of "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," Stewart pointed out that in the democratic primary of Mississippi, 70 percent of whites voted for Clinton, and 92 percent of blacks voted for Obama.

Stewart asked himself what should we conclude from this and decided that, "slavery leaves a mark." No kidding. Ignoring that mark is not sound policy. Let's hope for a politician, a political party, another civil rights leader, something, anything to fix this. The current system isn't working.

## A free ride ... really!

Think college is expensive?

Yeah, it is, but what would you do if I were to tell you it could be free?

Would you jump for joy and decide to change your major multiple times in order to reap the benefits of free education and superb campus food for as long as possible, or call me a liar and not believe me?

Well, believe it or not, it could be free. But I'll let the numbers tell the story:

If you were to take the total cost that college students in America spent on education last year and tallied it up, and I mean everything: tuition, food, housing, books — I'm talking right



Michael Farley II

down to the last meal point — it would come to roughly \$30 billion, give or take a few million.

Now, here's where things get interesting. In 2001, President Bush gave the top one percent of America's taxpayers a tax break.

That tax break, which is due to expire in 2010, equaled a total savings for those 1 percent of \$726 billion dollars over the course of 10 years.

Math time: \$726 billion divided by 10 is \$72.6 billion dollars. Common sense will tell you that if one percent of America went back to paying the taxes they paid before 2001, every college student could go to school for free, and still have well over \$40 billion left over.

Alas, this is not going to happen. At least not without your help.

You may be outraged at the numbers you've just read. I hope you are because I was when I

found out about them.

There I was in class, ready to learn, only to be completely sickened when my teacher mentioned these figures.

So what can you do to help? Well, it's simple really. Write to your congressperson and/or senator.

We have a diverse population here at UVM; we have people from all across the world here, let alone the country.

If we were all to write to our representatives and tell them, not ask, not to renew the tax cuts so the money that one percent of the country will be paying again can go to us, and those who will come after us so they can get the education they deserve at the affordable price of free, they might listen.

You may not be able to fight City Hall, but you can at least write to them.

## Three words can be enough

Last week, I flew down to Washington, D.C. to participate in a protest with ten other UVM students. I learned a few things about hygiene, sleep and politics.

First, deodorant is key, unless you plan on strategically raising your arms whenever cops get close.

Second, it doesn't matter that you haven't slept in a few days because the adrenaline will carry you through.

Third, protests and social movements, especially surrounding war, are inevitably complex.

Let me explain. I think that people on both sides of the aisle tend to oversimplify global issues in an attempt to understand them. Much

of this is to be expected. It takes time and a deeper understanding to learn the difference between the Sunni and Shiite factions — insert John McCain joke here — or to become an expert in all of the reasons — and it wasn't just oil — the United States went to war in 2003.

Most people just don't have the time and thirst for deeper understanding, and it's so easy to boil down an entire group of intricate ideas no one really has time to study into three or four words that people can repeat as sound bites or during protests.

But I don't see the war in Iraq, or the world for that matter, in black and white.

And I was worried that standing outside the American Petroleum Institute or marching through the middle of a street usually reserved for high-powered business lunches and lobbyist functions with "Five Years: What the Fuck?" written on a

sign would be a pretty black or white move.

When it comes down to it, though, the protest itself is only a public demonstration of the feelings that many citizens share privately. It served to raise awareness and further discussion of the war in Iraq and global warming.

In short, the simplistic nature of the chants clearly doesn't reflect the two issues, but maybe the protest won't stop with three-word chants.

So I did it anyway. Along with ten other UVM students, I chanted until I was hoarse, blockaded a major intersection, was dragged out by police officers and grooved with hundreds of other protesters and their peace-sign hands through downtown Washington, D.C.

In politics, they say your vote is your voice. But sometimes that's not enough and your voice has to be your voice.



Julia Gabriel Michel

## This Week

Tuesday, March 25 - Monday, March 31

### TUESDAY, March 25

**Women's Lacrosse**  
vs. Harvard  
Moulton Winder Field, 3 p.m.

**Men's Lacrosse**  
@ Brown  
Providence, R.I., 3 p.m.

### FRIDAY, March 28

**Men's Hockey**  
@ NCAA Regional  
TBA, TBA

**Baseball**  
@ New Mexico  
Albuquerque, N.M., 9:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, March 29

**Track and Field**  
@ UMass Invitational  
Amherst, Mass., 11 a.m.

**Men's Lacrosse**  
@ Hartford  
West Hartford, Conn., 1 p.m.

**Softball**  
@ Boston University  
Boston, Mass., 1 p.m.

**Women's Lacrosse**  
@ Boston University  
Boston, Mass., 3 p.m.

**Baseball**  
@ New Mexico  
Albuquerque, N.M., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, March 30

**Softball**  
@ Boston University  
Boston, Mass., 1 p.m.

**Baseball**  
@ New Mexico  
Albuquerque, N.M., 3 p.m.

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# BC ends Cats' run

## Eagles drop surging Catamounts in Hockey East championship, 4-0

By ZACH PARKER  
Senior Staff Writer

Following an exciting 4-1 victory over the Boston University Terriers on Friday night at the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston, the UVM men's hockey team was out matched 4-0 by Boston College in the Hockey East conference final.

Friday night's semifinal matchup was delayed for two hours and 40 minutes following a triple overtime contest between UNH and BC, which was the second longest game in Hockey East history.

The Terriers jumped out to an early lead 10 minutes into the first period on a goal by junior Chris Higgins.

The Cats went into the first intermission trailing, but the tide turned in a 29-second span on a pair of goals from junior assistant captain Peter Lenés and sophomore Colin Vock.

At the 13:48 mark in the second period, Lenés took a pass from junior co-captain Dean Strong and fired it into the back of the net to even the score.

Carrying the momentum of Lenés' goal, Vock scored 29 seconds later on a rebound from a shot by freshman Jack Downing. Sophomore Brayden Irwin also assisted on the play.

Junior assistant captain Corey Carlson finished the scoring for the Catamounts with 29 seconds left with an empty net goal which was assisted by Lenés and Strong.

The victory sent the Catamounts to their first ever Hockey East Championship game, but the #8 Eagles proved to be too much for #18 Vermont.

Sophomore Ben Smith put the Eagles up 1-0 at the 18:32 mark in the first period.

Junior Tim Kunes followed up the goal with a score of his own to put BC up 2-0 with 14:59 left in the second period.

With 20 seconds left in the period, freshman Brian

Gibbons scored a power play goal, putting the Catamounts down 3-0 headed into the second intermission.

The gap proved to be insurmountable for UVM, as they couldn't mount any offense to counter BC freshman goalie John Muse's 29 saves, which were enough for him to register the third shutout of his career.

Boston College finished the scoring on an empty net goal from junior Nathan Gerbe - who was also named the tournament MVP - with 1:05 remaining.

With the loss, the Catamounts narrowly missed making the NCAA tournament, as they were the third team out behind Minnesota State and Harvard.

The game was the final contest in a UVM uniform for five seniors: Jeff Hill, Slavomir Tomko, Mark Lutz, Joe Fallon and Reese Wisnowski.

Despite the loss, the Cats hope to build on their late-season momentum in hopes of a successful 2008-2009 season.

## While you were away...

### Hockey, men's basketball seasons end while women continue on

By JASON BUSHEY  
Sports Editor

While most students left for greener (and warmer) pastures over spring break, UVM winter sports hit their postseason high-point.

The men's hockey team continued their recent tear by beating Northeastern in a best-of-three series at the Gut, punching their ticket to the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston for the Hockey East Championships over the weekend.

Also, coach Kevin Sneddon was named 2008 Hockey East Coach of the Year after leading the Cats to a dramatic rise in one of the country's toughest conferences.

On the hardwood, the Cats didn't fair as well.

Men's basketball fell to eventual America East

champs UMBC in the semifinals of the A-East tournament, 73-64. The game was close throughout, however UMBC finished the game on an 18-4 run and ended UVM's chance of a sixth straight finals appearance in the tournament.

Despite UVM's early exit, sophomore standout Marqus Blakely was named 2008 America East Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year while also being named to the USBWA All-District 1 team.

After a crushing double-overtime defeat to BU in the women's A-East tournament, the women's basketball team responded by defeating Dartmouth last Thursday in the first round of the NIT.

Like Blakely, sophomore Courtney Pilypaitis was named also named America East Player of the Year, while sophomore May Kotsopoulos earned the 2008 Defensive Player of the Year award.

Meanwhile, baseball and softball fought mother na-

ture as hard as any of their opponents.

Both teams have had multiple games postponed or cancelled due to weather. Baseball has jumped out to a solid 5-5 start, while the softball team has won three straight after a 10-game losing streak.

The UVM skiing team also ended its season over the break.

Led by junior Jilyne McDonald's fifth-place finish in women's slalom, the Cats placed sixth in the NCAA Championships.

Marred by their own weather postponements and a particularly tough schedule that includes #2 Duke and #3 Virginia, the men's lacrosse team has struggled early, losing their first six games before beating Belarmine on Sunday.

On the women's side, the lacrosse team has sprung out to a fast start, starting the season 4-2 and 1-0 in league play.

## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Bad Week for the LA Lakers

After losing their first place spot in the West to the formerly streaking Houston Rockets, the Lakers found out that 20-year-old center Andrew Bynum won't return until the first round of the playoffs.

With no time for Bynum and Pau Gasol to learn to work together in the regular season, it may be tough for the two to mesh in the playoffs.

### Good Week for Buckeyes Football

The nation's number one high school football player, Terrelle Pryor, has finally signed with the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Ohio State has gotten a 6-foot-5, 235 pound play-making quarterback in the mold of last year's Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow. Now they just need to find room for Pryor next to all-conference quarterback Todd Boeckman.

### Bad Week for the Oakland Raiders

Following a terrible season where they finished 4-12, their tumultuous off-season has not been any better.

There is currently a huge question mark on who will coach the team next year, and the front office has done nothing but severely over pay for their free agent acquisitions, putting the Raiders \$25 million over the salary cap.

### Good Week for Sidney Crosby

Sidney Crosby, formerly the NHL's leading scorer before a right ankle sprain, may play on the Pittsburgh Penguins' road trip that started Monday.

Crosby sat out for 21 games due to the injury and played three games starting in the March 4 game against the Tampa Bay Lightning, before pain returned, causing him to miss the Penguins' last five games.

### Good Week for Chelsea

Didier Drogba led Chelsea FC to a 2-1 victory over Arsenal, moving into second place in the Premier League title race.

The victory gave Chelsea the chance to face Manchester United, the top seed.

Chelsea extended their unbeaten home record to 78 games with the win over Arsenal.

### Bad Week for Real Madrid

Despite two goals from superstar striker Raúl, Real Madrid fell to Valencia, 3-2.

The loss, combined with Barcelona's 4-1 victory, leaves Real Madrid only four points clear of their rivals in La Liga.

No longer in the Champions League and Copa de Rey, Madrid's only hope of a championship is to regain their early season form in Spain.

### Bad Week for Roger Federer

The seemingly invincible Swiss star was on the losing end of a massive tennis upset.

Federer, previously ranked #1, lost to the #98 American Mardy Fish by a surprising 6-3, 6-2 in the Pacific Life Open.

## 2007-2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

<b>Results</b> <b>Men's Hockey</b> Friday, March 21 Win vs. BU UVM: 0-2-1 - 3 BU: 1-0-0 - 0 Saturday, March 22 Loss vs. BC BC: 1-2-1 - 4 UVM: 0-0-0 - 0  <b>Men's Lacrosse</b> Sunday, March 23 Win vs. Belarmine Bell.: 0-3-2-2 - 7 UVM: 5-1-3-0 - 9  <b>Women's Lacrosse</b> Saturday, March 22 Loss @ Holy Cross UVM: 6-5 - 11 Holy Cross: 9-4 - 13 Sunday, March 23 Win @ Stony Brook UVM: 7-4 - 11 Maine: 5-4 - 9	<b>Women's Basketball</b> Thursday, March 20 Win vs. Dartmouth Dartmouth: 28-30 - 50 UVM: 38-31 - 69  <b>Softball</b> Friday, March 21 Win @ Delaware St. UVM: 3 Delaware St.: 0  Saturday, March 22 Win @ Delaware St. UVM: 10 Md.: 2  <b>Final Conference Standings</b> <b>Men's Hockey</b> UNH - (19-5-3) Overall - (25-9-3) BU - (15-9-3) Overall - (13-9-5) UVM - (13-9-5) Overall - (17-15-7) Boston College - (11-9-7) Overall - (21-11-8) Providence - (11-11-5) Overall - (14-17-5) Northeastern - (12-13-2)	Overall - (16-18-3) UMass-Lowell - (10-13-4) Overall - (16-17-4) Massachusetts - (9-13-5) Overall - (13-13-6) Maine - (9-15-3) Overall - (13-18-3) Merrimack - (6-18-3) Overall - (12-18-4)  <b>America East Men's Basketball</b> <b>Final Standings</b> UMBC - (13-3) Overall - (24-9) Hartford - (10-6) Overall - (18-16) Albany - (10-6) Overall - (18-15) Vermont - (9-7) Overall - (16-15) Binghamton - (9-7) Overall - (14-16) BU - (9-7) Overall - (14-17) UNH - (6-10) Overall - (9-20) Maine - (3-13) Overall - (7-23) Stony Brook - (3-13) Overall - (7-23)	<b>America East Women's Basketball</b> <b>Final Standings</b> Hartford - (14-2) Overall - (28-5) Vermont - (13-3) Overall - (24-8) BU - (11-5) Overall - (20-12) Albany - (10-6) Overall - (13-18) Binghamton - (9-7) Overall - (11-19) UMBC - (5-11) Overall - (9-21) UNH - (4-12) Overall - (7-22) Maine - (4-12) Overall - (7-23) Stony Brook - (2-14) Overall - (8-23)  <b>Baseball</b> Vermont - (5-5) Stony Brook - (6-8) UMBC - (5-9) Binghamton - (5-10) Maine - (5-11) Hartford - (3-8) Albany - (4-13-1)	<b>Softball</b> Hartford - (10-2) Stony Brook - (9-9-1) Albany - (6-7) Boston University - (8-10) UMBC - (9-13) UVM - (5-12) Binghamton - (2-13) Maine - (0-26)  <b>NCAA Skiing Championships</b> 1.) Denver - 649.5 2.) Colorado - 615 3.) Utah - 550 4.) Dartmouth - 546 5.) Middlebury - 529 6.) UVM - 455 7.) New Mexico - 404 8.) Alaska-Anchorage - 334.5 9.) Nevada - 303 10.) Northern Michigan - 287 11.) UNH - 286 12.) Alaska-Fairbanks - 253 13.) Colby - 227 14.) Williams College - 223 15.) Bates College - 153 16.) Montana St. - 145 17.) Michigan Tech. - 63
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The Houston Rockets are now owners of the second longest winning streak in NBA history after winning 22 games in a row.

Meanwhile, Tiger Woods has won each of the last seven tournaments he has entered. Which is the most impressive streak?

**ZP:** The Rockets' streak is far more impressive than Tiger's. Don't get me wrong, Woods' streak is a stunning accomplishment, but isn't that what people expect from him?

After losing Yao Ming for the season, the Rockets' supporting squad of nobodies has risen to the challenge and backed Tracy McGrady, a superstar once known for his inability to win.

Anytime a team can win with an underrated defensive stopper, a former AND1 mixtape superstar, a Spanish rookie, a bunch of unheralded youngsters and the oldest player in the league, all the while making people care about the NBA again, it is simply amazing.

**LM:** Both of these streaks are impressive—you gotta love sports—but I am going to choose the Houston Rockets' 22-game winning streak to be the more impressive streak.

The Rockets are bangin' with the big boys in the West like the Spurs, the Mavericks, the Suns and the number one seed Lakers.

Tiger's streak is really impressive as well, but it's something that doesn't totally shock me because he is the greatest golfer of all time.

A team coming together to win for over a month straight is more impressive than one man practicing on his own.

## THE SCORE

NO YAO?  
NO PROBLEM.

ZACH 1  
LANCE 0

## FACE OFF

## ZACH PARKER VS. LANCE MILLER

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY

It's finally March Madness, baby!

Now that we are firmly entrenched in the Sweet Sixteen, which four teams will be the last ones standing in San Antonio?

**ZP:** While this year's tournament seems to lack the chances of many obvious upsets, I do see a big one: Stanford over Memphis to earn a trip to the Final Four.

Sure, Memphis has played phenomenally well this season, but they just can't hit free throws, which will eventually catch up with them.

Along with Stanford, I think Kansas will roll in the midwest bracket, as well as the two obvious choices, UNC and UCLA, who I think will slug it out in the national championship game.

**LM:** I like Texas over Memphis, UCLA beats Duke, Kansas over Georgetown and Tennessee falling to my National Champs, UNC.

I don't think Memphis has what it takes to make it to the Final Four, and I think with D.J. Augustine and the other supporters on Texas, the Longhorns will make the Final Four appearance they deserve.

Duke is not good enough to bang down low with anyone, but with their generous seed, they have an easy cruise to the Elite Eight. However, 3-pointers are not going to cut it against UCLA.

Kansas is the most well-rounded team in the tournament, and that's why they will beat whomever they play.

Finally, I think that Tennessee will fall to UNC, simply because UNC is a better team with better coaching and more experience.

## THE SCORE

CAROLINA BLUE  
OR POWDER BLUE?

ZACH 2  
LANCE 0



(2-O-I)

MLB Opening Day begins at the crack of dawn in Japan on Tuesday.

Is there a sleeper team out there with a genuine shot at making the playoffs?

**ZP:** As crazy as this may sound, look for the Washington Nationals to sneak into the playoffs by securing the wild card.

Formerly MLB's worst franchise, the Nationals made some smart moves in the off-season by bringing in veteran catcher Paul Lo Duca, along with two young outfielders with superstar potential but tainted pasts — Lastings Milledge and Elijah Dukes.

If second-year manager Manny Acta can help those two young stars to harness their potential, look for the Nationals to finish second in the NL East behind the New York Mets and earn the wild card, possibly allowing them to surprise some teams in October.

**LM:** It pains me to say this as a Mets fan. It's like a Sox fan admitting the Yanks are a sleeper, but the Atlanta Braves will be in the playoffs this season.

The signing of Glavine is big because he is good for at least 12-14 wins this season and he provides clubhouse leadership. Their other pitchers are solid in John Smoltz and Tim Hudson. Together those three make a pretty scary one-two-three in the weak NL East.

Let's not forget that Bobby Cox is arguably the best manager in baseball and you know he'll have his team ready to go. You don't just win 14 straight division titles with luck. Trust me, the Braves are back this season.

## THE SCORE

WHAT?  
NO LOVE FOR THE EXPOS?

ZACH 2  
LANCE 1

## weekly Club Sports

Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer



## Women's Soccer

Without ever tasting victory during the regular season, the women's soccer club was able to compete in a national competition in Florida.

The club competes throughout the fall, suffering through early morning practices twice a week at 6 a.m.

Games are relatively difficult to schedule, and last fall the team played in six games, losing three and tying the other three.

Recently, the club has been playing indoor soccer at the Expo Center in Essex. They also have a beach soccer tournament in Maryland at the end of April. It was in this competition two years ago that the team was able to take home the championship.

The club has had enormous support over the years, receiving around 75 girls in last fall's tryouts.

"We had a great turnout this year," club president Lena Forman said. "Unfortunately, we could bring about 25 girls to each game."

"We let the girls know this upfront and told them that they could just hang around and still practice with us."

With their 2007 campaign behind them, the club can look forward to their 2008 fall season where they are excited to have a repeat appearance at nationals, which are being held in Arizona.

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# US Open hits Stratton



(Photos by Andre Malerba/ Vermont Cynic)

Clockwise from top left: Two snowboarders competing in the US Open men's half-pipe competition on Friday, March 21. Below from left: Men's slopestyle winner Shaun White signs a snowboard after his victory. Women's slopestyle winner Kjersti Oestgaard Buaas celebrates after her win.



## Snowboarding's best fly over Southern Vermont

By JASON BUSHEY and ANDRE MALERBA  
Sports Editor and Staff Photographer

Snowboarding's elite riders took over Stratton Mountain last week for the Burton US Open.

The event, the last stop in the Burton Global Open Series, began on March 17 with preliminary qualifiers and concluded with the men's halfpipe competition on Sunday.

Final events took place over the weekend. On Saturday, with temperatures approaching 40 degrees and not a

cloud in the sky, fans labored up the hill to line the edge of the halfpipe.

With a go big or go home attitude, the competition was fierce, with amazing runs from riders like Kevin Pierce who was hot on the heels of first place winner Shaun White.

White was the big winner of the weekend, taking first in both the halfpipe and slopestyle competitions, adding to his extensive trophy case.

On the women's side, Tora Bright of Australia took first place in the women's halfpipe finals for the second year in a row. Kelly Clark gave Bright a run for her money and finished a close second.

In the slopestyle competition, Kjer-

sti Oestgaard Buaas of Norway earned first-place honors, with Jamie Anderson finishing second.

While White was able to take home both big-money prizes over the weekend, it was not enough for him to overtake Finland's Peetu Piironen in the overall standings.

Bright's win was enough for her to capture the overall women's crown. The US Open, the mother of all snowboarding competitions, is now in its 26th year of existence, making it the longest-running snowboard competition in the world.

Each winner took home a cool \$100,000, making the open the largest prize payout in snowboarding.

# Cats rout Dartmouth in NIT

## Women's basketball eases past Big Green, will face BC on Monday

By JAKE AHRENS  
Senior Staff Writer

The women's basketball team was victorious in a 69-50 rout of the Ivy League co-champions, Dartmouth, on March 20.

Coming off a difficult double overtime loss to Boston University in the semi-finals of the American East tournament, the Catamounts responded with this win in the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament (NIT).

Showing no resonating effects of the loss to BU, the Cats came out of the gate firing and quickly mounted an 11-3 lead. They forced four turnovers in the first 2:30, two leading to break-away layups, and swaying Dartmouth to take an early timeout.

But the Big Green responded strong, going on a 10-2 run to tie the game at 13 apiece.

From there, UVM never looked back, answering with a 12-0 run, which was part of a 25-7 run to close out the half at 38-20.

Entering the second half, the Cats did not lose a step, keeping a comfortable lead for

the rest of the game.

Four Catamounts scored in double figures and Courtney Pilypaitis and Kelli Poles both added team highs of 16 points. Pilypaitis, who earned the America East Player of the year award, also added six rebounds and seven assists, finding her teammates in the open court and picking Dartmouth's defense apart with ease.

Poles put on a clinic, showcasing her offensive prowess with her drop step, hook shot, fade away and her ever-so-soft jump shot.

With Dartmouth looking to mount a last minute comeback, Pilypaitis hit two daggers, both deep threes in the final minutes to secure the win.

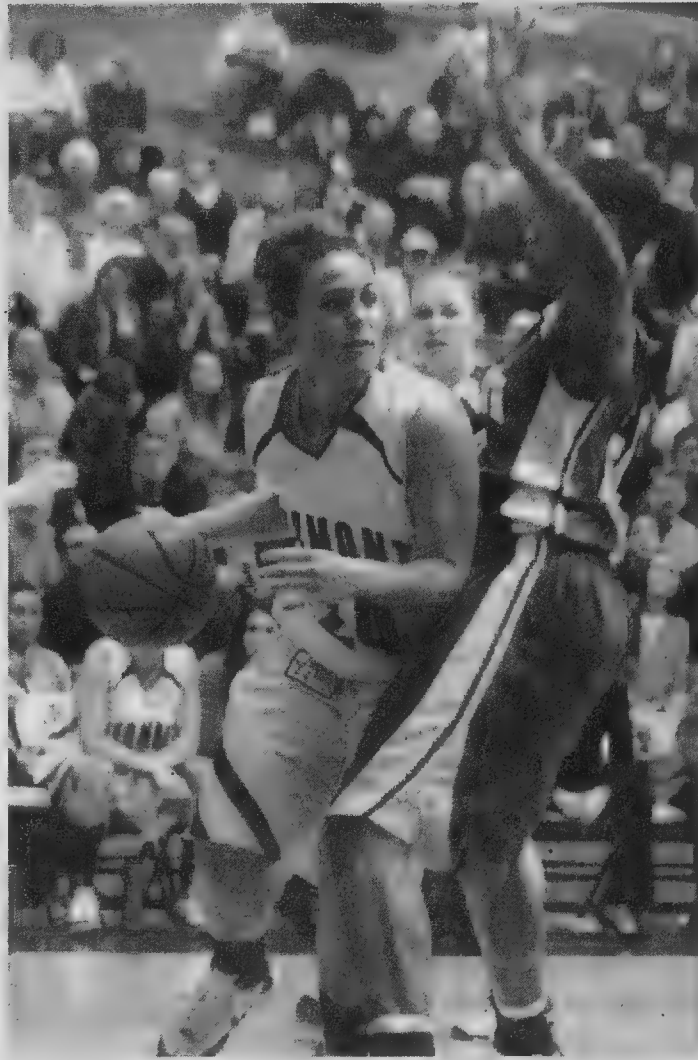
May Kotsopoulos, the 2008 America East Defensive Player of the year, also chipped in 12 points.

The Lady Cats continued to the second round of the NIT where they faced Boston College on Monday.

The Eagles, who finished the season 21-10, are coached by former UVM coach Cathy Ingles.

Ingles, head coach for the Cats from 1986-1993, led UVM to back-to-back undefeated seasons in the early '90s.

The two teams are familiar with one another. UVM beat Boston College last year for their first-ever victory against a ranked opponent.



(Josh Lee/ Vermont Cynic)

Senior guard Sarah Fenton (24) drives into the lane against a Dartmouth defender. Fenton pulled down five rebounds in 22 minutes of play against the Big Green.

## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief



## Why I'm mad this March

What's a bracket? What's this thing called March Madness? What do I do?

I might as well come right out and ask those questions as, judging by my bracket's performance during the last four days, I obviously know next to nothing about college basketball.

Frankly, I had not been able to pay as much attention as usual to basketball (the NBA is not basketball) but that thought never crossed my mind -- I managed to do my research as usual, reaching that maddening, critical mass of too-much-information.

Then, I could see the possibilities and I made my choices.

Now, I look like an idiot: in the basement of the office pool, the ESPN.com pool and my Facebook pool.

Ouch.

Through the first half of Thursday my picks were faring pretty well -- through the first half of the day's games my only SNAFU came in picking Kent State over UNLV. Then, during the second half of Thursday's extensive bill of games, well, my 375 percentage would get me into Cooperstown, but absolutely nowhere in Bracketville.

And I was pretty sure I was going to be in OK shape on Friday until the insanity in Tampa. Ohhhh, Tampa.

I'd go out there and say that the 4-13 matchup is the new 5-12 upset special, but then the 12s went right out and did the same thing -- damned, my bracket was. I should have seen what was coming when Duke almost lost to 15-seed Belmont (not that I picked Duke to get past the second round).

One of the best things about this year's field was that there were several small-time schools seeded better than big-name schools, and many big-name schools seeded in the middle of the pack such that you had Marquette (6) playing Kentucky (11) in the opening round.

The original tourney bracket was knocked by many who felt that it was neither controversial nor borne of an overly-exciting regular season.

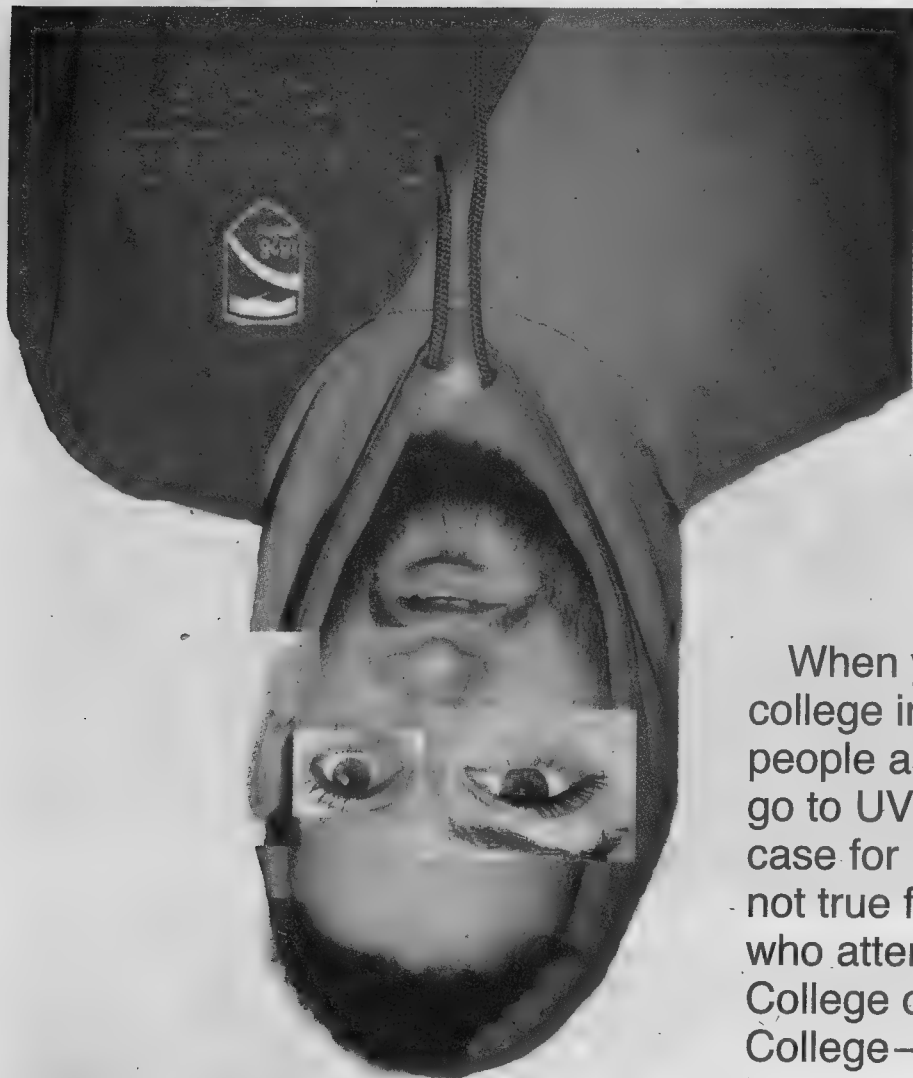
I thought it was pretty interesting. I thought there were a lot of possibilities. I just didn't pick any of the right ones. Now I'm last, being bested in the office pool by people who know the ins and outs of rap, *Realism* and *runways* but have no idea what an RPI is. If they had a clue, it would be because they transferred from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute -- and they'd still be wrong.

I made the rules and I'm losing the game, a trend becoming more real and scary since the year of George Mason and the upside-down bracket in 2006.

I thought I had that year pegged too. Well, I didn't. The next year I picked too many upsets. This year though, I thought I had a very money balance of upsets and favorites; I had about the realistic ratio, just none of the right ones.

What do I do next year? I have no idea, but I'll be ready for the best stretch of sports: 48 season-ending games in four days. It's like Christmas, but with 48 trees full of presents.





# COUNTER CULTURE

By Caitlin Chapman

When you say you go to college in Burlington, most people assume you must go to UVM. While this is the case for us UVMers, it is not true for those students who attend Saint Michael's College or Champlain College—two other institutions in the Burlington area.

UVM's presence in Burlington is undeniable; you can't miss the crowds of students crossing Main Street in front of Living and Learning or, of course, the Davis Center. According to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), UVM has about 10,504 undergraduate students, while Champlain has 2,678 and Saint Michael's College (SMC) in Colchester has 2,008.

UVM's size has a huge image on the social scene in the Burlington area. But what do all of those Champlain and St. Mike's students do on the weekends? Where do they go? What do these students think of us Catamounts? What's it really like to be a college student in the Burlington area but not go to UVM?

"When I think of UVM students, I think of them as free-spirited, independent and more along the lines of 'city' kids," Carolyn Smith, a freshman at SMC, said.

Because of SMC's distance from downtown Burlington, many choose to spend their weekend nights on the Colchester campus as opposed to going to parties in the downtown area.

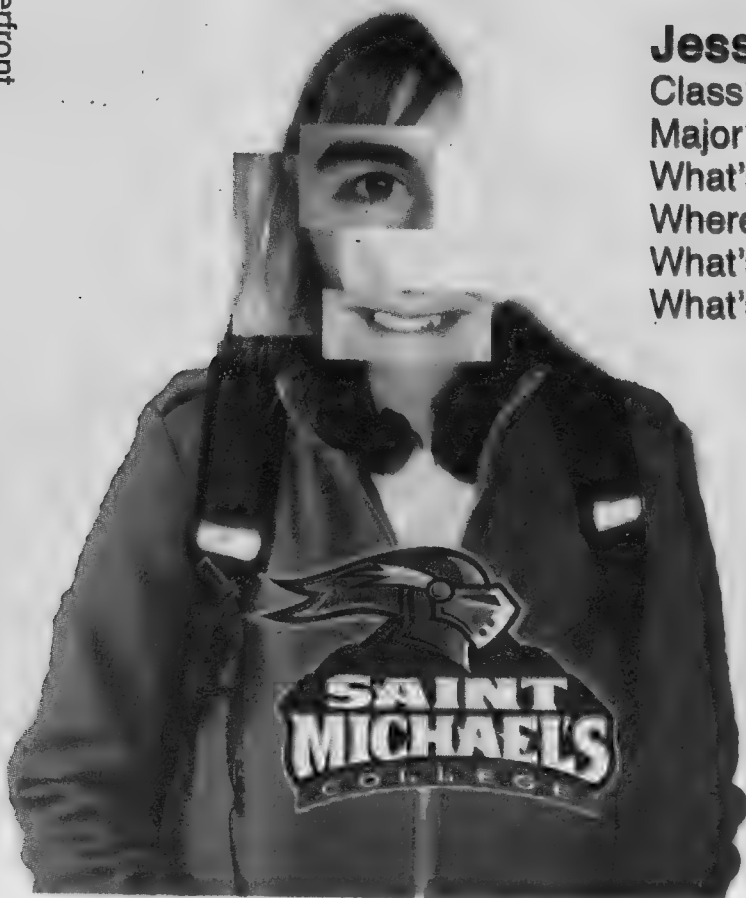
"Townhouses around campus usually throw some really good parties, so we always search for a dance party to go to," Smith said.

Smith also mentioned that SMC offers many on campus events such as free food from 11p.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. They are also in the process of planning "Friday Knight Dry"—an event held in the student center, residence halls and the gym. Friday Knight Dry offers alcohol-free activities such as movies, dance parties and games.

But Thursday nights as an SMC student seem a bit different from Thursday nights at UVM. "Surprisingly, Thirsty Thursdays aren't that popular around campus," Smith said. Even though Thursdays may be on the quiet side at SMC, on weekends many choose to shop on Church Street, driving themselves or taking the CCTA public bus -- which is free for SMC students.

Students at SMC are also able to buy a "Cultural Pass" to the Flynn Performing Arts Center in downtown Burlington. "We can buy a Cultural Pass for \$30 and with that you can go to any show you want," Smith said. "If there's a show on the weekend that I have tickets for, then I'm at the Flynn."

**Miranda Croteau, St. Mike's:**  
Class? sophomore  
Major? Education and English  
What's coming out of your speakers? Keith Urban  
Where's all your cash going? The Gap  
What's your beer of choice? I don't like beer  
What's your favorite Burlington hangout spot? The Waterfront



## Jesse Zastrow, UVM:

Class? freshman

Major? Environmental Science

What's coming out of your speakers? O.A.R.

Where's all your cash going? Maven

What's your beer of choice? Yuengling

What's your favorite Burlington hangout spot? North Beach

## Vanessa Elliot, Champlain:

Class? freshman

Major? Undecided

What's coming out of your speakers? Wyclef Jean

Where's all your cash going? Urban Outfitters

What's your beer of choice? Bud Light

What's your favorite Burlington hangout spot? Starbucks

# CAMPUS

Like many UVMers, Miranda Croteau, an SMC sophomore, takes advantage of Burlington's beauty at North Beach. "If the weather permits, my friends and I enjoy hiking the local trails and lounging at North Beach."

Students who attend Champlain College seem to interact more with UVM students than SMC students do. "We almost always go to UVM parties or friends' apartments who are from UVM, all of which are in downtown Burlington," Vanessa Elliot, a freshman at Champlain, said. "I have only been to a couple Champlain parties the whole time I have been at that school."

Avi Kommel, a Champlain sophomore, says that on weekends "I'm often going from apartment to apartment and seeing different friends. Fridays tend to be real late nights." Partying on campus doesn't seem to happen too much at Champlain, as compared to SMC.

Champlain's intimate location to the downtown area makes it optimal to go off-campus for parties because they aren't too far away. Thursdays at Champlain are pretty similar to UVM, kids go out, yet winter sports sometimes keep them in. "Sometimes I go out on Thursdays, but it really depends if I'm trying to go snowboarding early Friday," Kommel said.

And now for our UVM-ers Chelsea Brochu, a sophomore, usually goes downtown on Thursday and Friday nights. "I do go out on Thursday nights even though I shouldn't because I have early classes on Friday," Brochu said. "I usually

start off making dinner with a small group of friends and either hanging out in the dorms with them for the night or leaving to meet up with other friends to see what's happening downtown."

But Jesse Zastrow, a freshman opts to lay low on Thirsty Thursday. "I usually end up staying in my dorm on Thursdays and watching "LOST," because I always have papers due on Friday," he said.

As for activities outside of downtown Burlington, Brochu, an avid shopper, likes to take advantage of the shops on Shelburne Road. "I always end up with good purchases," she said. And as for hot spots on Church Street, "The Skinny Pancake is a must," Brochu said. Zastrow, on the other hand, takes advantage of the mountains. "I go skiing at Jay Peak or Bolton on the weekends," he said.

UVM, Saint Michael's College and Champlain College all have their own "campus culture" which defines them from one another, but, no matter the institution, students at all three of these schools seem to take advantage of everything Burlington has to offer. One thing is for sure: UVMers have a work hard play hard reputation that even students in Colchester recognize. "[UVM students are] very studious," Kommel said. "But when that's out of the way they all go out."

## Carolyn Smith, St. Mike's:

Class? freshman

Major? Journalism

What's coming out of your speakers? Wyclef Jean

Where's all your cash going? American Apparel

What's your beer of choice? I don't drink beer

What's your favorite Burlington hangout spot? Dobra Tea

## Avi Kommel, Champlain:

Class? freshman

Major? Graphic Design

What's coming out of your speakers? The Allman Brothers

Where's all your cash going? 802

What's your beer of choice? Blackbeary Wheat

What's your favorite Burlington hangout spot? Main Street Guitar and Amp

## Chelsea Brochu, UVM:

Class? sophomore

Major? History

What's coming out of your speakers? Notorious B.I.G.

Where's all your cash going? Monelle

What's your beer of choice? I don't drink beer

What's your favorite Burlington hangout spot? The Skinny Pancake





## [SPEC]TACLE

## OPEN SKIES AT U.S. OPEN



The sun may have been shining, but the gusting winds and rock hard jumps proved a challenge to many of the top riders competing on Friday in the men's and women's SlopeStyle finals. While pros and amateurs alike failed to stick their landings, solid runs from Shaun White and Kjersti Oestgaard Buaas earned them both first place.

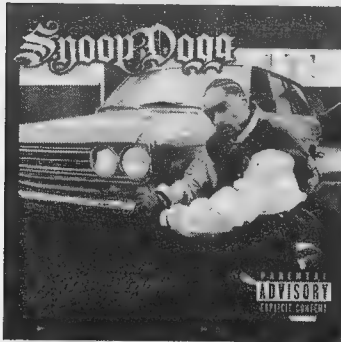
**BY ANDRE MALERBA**

Top & Above: Snowboarders soar through blue skies at the U.S. Open halfpipe finals on Friday.  
Right: Shaun White celebrates his gold medal with a bottle of champagne.



# critical thinking

## Snoop Dogg trips over his own ego



**Snoop Dogg**  
Ego Trippin'  
(Geffen Records)

★ ★ ★

**For fans of:**  
Justin Timberlake  
Kanye West

Snoop Dogg's ninth album, "Ego Trippin'," could best be described as "completely listenable." Gone are the hard-edged, laid-back, West Coast days of "Doggystyle," replaced instead by a more radio-and dance floor-friendly sound that feels, tastes, smells, and most importantly sounds commercial.

What this means for fans of the stoner-icon is that this new disc sounds more like Kanye West or 50 Cent than what we expect from Snoop. Tracks like "Deez Hollywood Nights," are nothing more than a list of famous names he sup-

posedly rolls with, while "Staxxx In My Jeans" is a blatant filler. A lot of these songs are simply dance beats, while Snoop raps about his usual topics—blunts, women and cars.

The exceptions to this rule make this album interesting. The most notable, perhaps, is "My Medicine," dedicated to the late Johnny Cash featuring Whitey Ford (you may know him as Everlast) on guitar. This track is where Snoop really steps outside his usual range, experimenting with an edgy, almost country sound, while maintaining the feel of a hip-hop chorus. But the real killer? Snoop sings!

The other gems are

scattered amidst the fluff. The first single, "Sexual Eruption," has all the elements required for a radio hit, while the second, "Neva Have 2 Worry," is the only track on the album that might have been included on "Doggystyle."

The last track, "Can't Say Goodbye," has the most potential to stick around in the hip-hop world. A personal glimpse into Snoop's worldview, it sounds like the acoustic version of Tupac's "Thugz Mansion"—a statement of Snoop's roots. As he says, "these streets won't say goodbye" and in the end it feels like Snoop Dogg will probably stick around as well.

## Diggin' in the crates

The B-Side raided WRUV's impenetrable music vaults and yanked some classic records. This is the real deal and you — dear readers — need only reap the benefits.

DJ Sycofont, of WRUV, recommends his top five experimental New York albums. You can hear his show, "Syncofont's Paper House" every Wednesday at 2 a.m. If you can't stay up that late, download his show from the WRUV archive.



**Excepter**  
KA  
(Fusetron)

These Brooklynites have been freaking people out since they formed in 2003 and it all started

here. Included in this CD release is their "Vacation" EP, perhaps their best work. Heavy, repetitious drones and disembodied voices. I recommend using this as a soundtrack to Herzog's "Lessons of Darkness." Eerie, beautiful.



**Jane Berserker**  
(Paw Tracks)

Noah Lennox (aka Panda Bear) and DJ Scott Mou's project together. Lo-fi loops basking

in reverb over crunched house beats. If you liked "Person Pitch" you won't be let down. Lennox's voice is worth writing home about.



**Animal Collective**  
Here Comes the Indian  
(Paw Tracks)

Back in 2003 Animal Collective knew to put

Avey Tare's voice through heavy effects and it really worked to their advantage (I'm talking to you "Strawberry Jam!"). This is their first record to include all four animals. Dark stuff. Don't play it in the car for your parents.



**Black Dice**  
Broken Ear Record  
(Astralwerks)

This is BDs best record. Great beats accompany their distinctive noise-grooves. This is noise you can actually dance to. Don't miss Luomo's remix of "Smiling Off" (unfortunately not included on this CD, but the Internet can help you find it).



**Gang Gang Dance**  
God's Money  
(The Social Registry)

These guys are the heirs to the mid-80s 4AD sound of Cocteau Twins and Dead Can Dance. Some critics call it neo-tribal, which works pretty well. Heavily affected electronic music has never sounded so organic. You'll hear sounds on this record that don't seem of this earth.

## Kaki King takes her dreams as reality



**Kaki King**  
Dreaming of Revenge  
(Velour Recordings)

★ ★ ★

**For fans of:**  
Ani DiFranco  
John Fahey

Within five short years Kaki King has managed to create some of the most challenging and original guitar music since Leo Kottke. She has also released four solid albums, each one different yet comfortably

familiar at the same time. Her first two albums, "Everybody Loves You" (2003) and "Legs to Make Us Longer" (2004) consist almost entirely of songs featuring a single guitar with sparse percussion. Fans were given only a hint of Kaki's child-like, whispered vocals on the final track of "Legs." Then

came 2005's "...Until We Felt Red," in which King showed off her skills on multiple instruments and became more comfortable in front of a microphone.

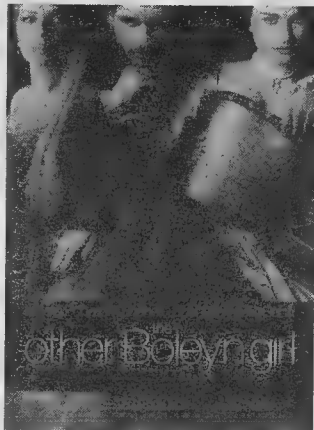
As expected, her new album, "Dreaming of Revenge," continues with this musical evolution, featuring a full-band arrangement on every track, and Kaki's voice on almost half of the tracks. The result is an album that attempts to sound more mainstream than its predecessors while maintaining its technical credibility, and for the most part this works.

The album opens with the instrumental "Bone Chaos in the Castle," a simple guitar-loop rocker that

acts as a tasteful introduction to her new full-band sound. "Life Being What It Is" follows, with a beautiful mix of acoustic finger picking and pedal steel. This is also the best vocal track on the album. The rest of the album ranges from great to mediocre, but at least every track is interesting. King's lyrics still sound forced most of the time, but her soft, dreamlike delivery hides it well.

Despite its flaws, "Dreaming of Revenge" proves that Kaki King is an artist with immeasurable talent and unique vision who refuses to sit comfortably in one genre. Catch her at Higher Ground on April 4.

## Sex and scandal in the sixteenth century



**The Other Boleyn Girl**  
Directed by Justin Chadwick  
(Columbia Pictures)

★ ★ ★

Sibling rivalry is taken to a new level with the Boleyn sisters, who historically fought over the love and devotion, (or rather the bed and the supremacy) of King Henry VIII.

Set in sixteenth century England, this period-piece gives the scandal surrounding the Boleyn sisters some Hollywood treatment, filling the roles of the ambitious and marginally unattractive women with two devastatingly beautiful and talented actresses. Mary Boleyn, (Scarlett Jo-

hansson) fair, reserved and vulnerable, is the first mistress to King Henry VIII (Eric Bana) under orders from her excessively ambitious father (Mark Rylance) and her villainous uncle (David Morrissey).

But after becoming pregnant, bedridden and of no further use to the king, the sultry, conniving and fearless Anne, (Natalie Portman) slips between not only Henry and her sister but also between a King and his country, forcing his divorce from Queen Katherine thereby breaking his ties with the Roman Catholic Church.

Written by Peter Morgan, ("The Queen" and "The Last King of Scotland"), the film was adapted for the screen from the historical novel by Philippa Gregory.

It was hard not get lost in the overwhelming presence of mischief, deceit and fatherless children. The story goes quickly, making it hard to follow and jumps from one scandal to the next. If that is how the real story went, it is amazing that the king was able to keep up with who he was sleeping with.

The story jumps from blonde to brunette back to blonde from marriage and adultery, to sex and bastard children, to deception and decapitation, with little mention of the "other" within their status as sisters. Although the film is engaging and vastly entertaining, the audience is left asking, "Which one is the other Boleyn girl?"

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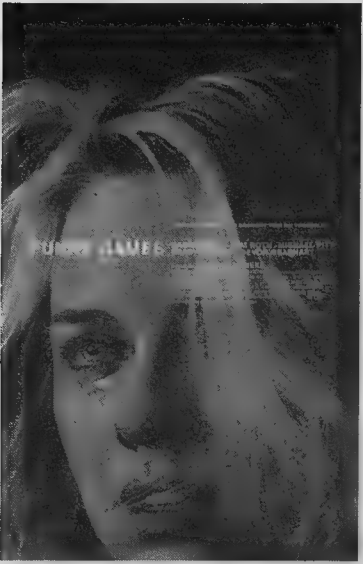
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# "Funny Games" is the most unnecessary movie of the year



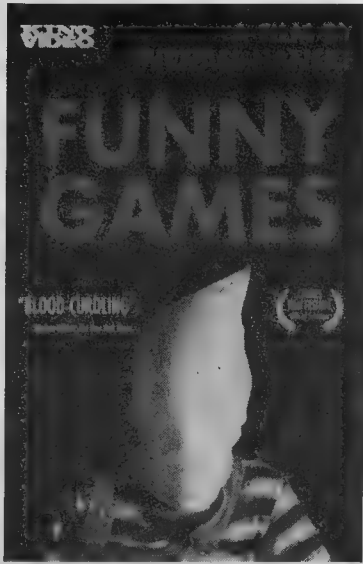
**Funny Games 2008 (US)**  
Directed by Michael Haneke  
(Celluloid Dreams)



I'm sort of at a loss. How do you write a review of a brand new movie that you saw eight years ago? How is it even possible to see a new movie that you already saw eight years ago?

Here we have a shot-by-shot remake of one of the most disturbing films ever made.

The original, ironically titled "Funny Games" released



**Funny Games 1997 (Austria)**  
Directed by Michael Haneke  
(Celluloid Dreams)



in Austria in 1997, was a scathing critique on Hollywood pop cinema, what its director, Michael Haneke, calls the "barrel-down cinema" of easily consumable answers.

"Usually, in an action film, violence is depicted in such a way that it doesn't hurt the audience. As an audience, you feel good about it," Haneke said in an interview with Entertainment Weekly.

entertainment Weekly.

Thus, Haneke strives against showing violence in an acceptable way because if violence is consumable, he believes we, the viewer, become complicit in that violence.

The original film is a masterpiece. It is terrifying in its depiction of brutality, and few people have walked away from it without a strong emotional response. Haneke claims that he remade "Funny Games" because it, a film in German with English subtitles, was not reaching its intended audience: American viewers of Hollywood films.

Interestingly, by Haneke's own admission the original DVD is a hit in English-speaking countries. I rented it from Blockbuster and our school library has a copy that any student can rent for free. It is not a difficult film to attain. English-speakers are seeing the original.

In an interview in 2005, Haneke actually expressed regret that the original film's popularity proved that it was becoming consumable; that the intended shock was tapering by an evolving, media-hard-

ened viewer-ship. Acknowledging this it's apparent that Haneke fumbled by remaking "Funny Games."

The remake is not nearly as shocking as the original. The acting is admittedly superb but nowhere as fantastic as in the first. In the scene where Ann escapes, Naomi Watts's face lacks the ineffably traumatic beauty that Susanne Lothar's puffy eyes convey. Tim Roth's weeping as George in the infamous 10-minute shot does not transmit the sheer humiliation of Ulrich Muehe's portrayal.

Though the film is an almost shot-by-shot recreation, the position of the camera differs from the first. Haneke pushes his camera closer to the characters in the remake, allowing viewers to see subtleties that they might not have seen in the original. But this does not work toward the film's advantage.

The distanced camera in the first scene creates an eerie atmosphere of uncertainty — one got the impression that even the camera didn't want to see the interior horrors — whereas the remake's camera feels warmer and reveals too much. The remake's greatest slip-up comes in the 10-minute shot centerpiece.

The original scene was so

horrifying because of Anna's lack of movement; she remains still for at least three minutes, allowing the audience to muse on the events they've just seen. The negative time and the non-movement of utter defeat, creates the environment of terror. The American film's shot is shorter and includes too much movement; Watts doesn't remain still long enough and the emotional resonance is lost. The remake is not without a few improvements. In the prayer scene Paul pulls Ann's bound hands into a prayer position which is a frightening addition and the film's dark humor is naturally better expressed in English to non-German speakers, but these slight differences do not justify an entire film.

For film fans that don't shy away from subtitled movies, remaking a film that was already so perfectly crafted seems a bit superfluous. Sure the original was great, but there aren't enough differences in the recreation to warrant its existence, and I can't help but feel that Haneke's remake is presumptuous and even a little condescending.

In a spotless film career, Haneke has created his first flop.

## The best Nazis and fascists you've never read or heard of



**Roberto Bolano**  
Translated by Chris Andrews  
(New Directions)



"Nazi Literature in the Americas" is the newest novel to be published in English translation by the Chilean author Roberto Bolano, whose magnum opus, "The Savage

### Book Review

Robert Downey

"Nazi Literature in the Americas," is an odd, fascinating novel, told in Wikipedia-sized chapters devoted to a brief overview of the lives of poets, artists and novelists before and after World War II who subscribed to the Aryan, Nazi, and fascist causes of the 21st century; in short, the sub-

scribers to all those ideological and political movements that lost the second world war.

At first, the book reads like nonfiction, a categorical approach to documenting the lives of the writers and it slowly descends into brutal satires of their work.

One chapter, devoted to the character Ignacio Zubieta, who appears briefly in the middle of the novel, in a section entitled "Itinerant Heroes or The Fragility of Mirrors," tells the story of the only Columbian to have been awarded the Iron Cross by the Third Reich for valor on the battlefields of Europe, fighting against the allies for the Nazi cause.

Bolano tells us that he is the author of several poems

including "Cross of Veils," "Cross of Flowers," "Cross of Iron" and "Cross of Ruins."

In a chapter entitled, "Speculative and Science Fiction," Bolano tells the story of JMS Hill, an American writer and Nazi sympathizer whose novel concern a "distorted present where nothing is as it seems, or a distant future full of abandoned ruined cities." Hill, who Bolano probably based on the real American horror and science fiction writer H.P. Lovecraft, the Rhode Island-born fascist and Anglophile, writes little known novels about Nazi cavalry troops in the Mid-West after the fall of America.

And the list of writers goes on and on, with titles and descriptions of their work, dates

of publication and laborious cross-referencing. The last chapter of the novel, entitled "Epilogue for Monsters" is a twenty-page list of "Secondary Figures" and "Books" by the various writers described throughout the novel.

It chronicles the magazines of the Aryan Brotherhood started in prison's across the US and recounts in vivid detail the lives of two brothers, who write with an extensive, fanatical touch about soccer in Argentina.

Purportedly, Bolano used to write for forty-eight hours at a time before collapsing. In his writing, one can glimpse the tortured soul of a writer who was one of the only ones spared in his artistic generation in the southern cone, the rest killed by Pinochet, or the military dictatorship in Argentina. There are recurring characters in his novels, including versions of himself and versions of people who were once undoubtedly his friends.

In his haunting vision, one can imagine the trials of a writer trying to earn his own survival and make something of his life and the lives of his friends. "Nazi Literature in the Americas" is distinctly the invention of someone to blame for the crimes Bolano saw perpetrated in his youth and a searing indictment of their political and artistic endeavors and a coming to grips with his own, inexplicable horror.

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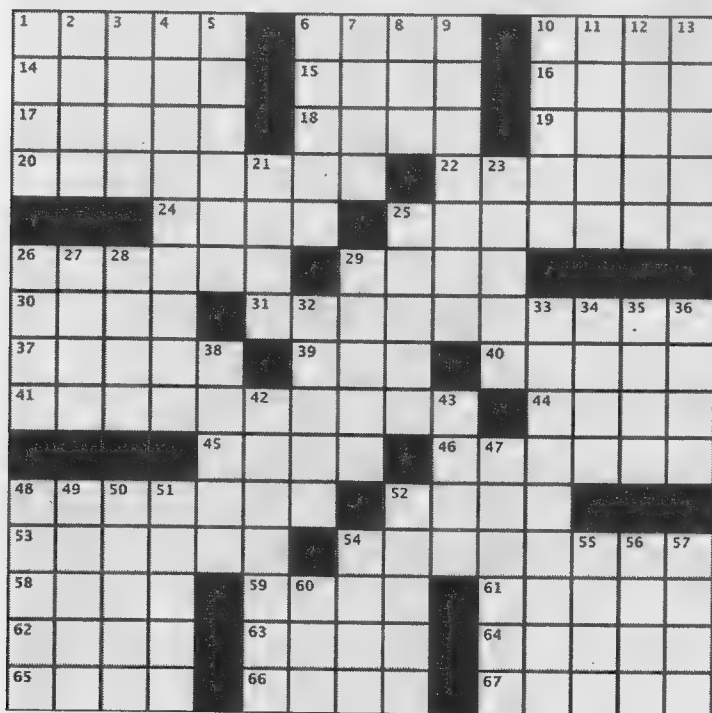
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17- Unwarranted  
18- Recedes  
19- Nabisco cookie  
20- Mosaic pieces  
22- Capital of Cuba  
24- Long poem, such as those attributed to Homer  
25- Small object of curiosity  
26- Spreads out  
29- Rescue  
30- Exactly  
31- Beyond the authority of law  
37- Extraterrestrial  
39- Center Ming  
40- Napoleon on Elba, e.g.  
41- Boundary line  
44- Skein of thread  
45- Fly  
46- Separated  
48- Lake in W Hungary  
52- Open infection, painful  
53- Mingling with  
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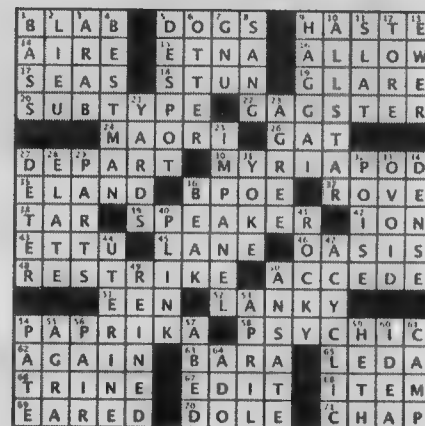
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23- White poplar tree  
25- Member of the nobility  
26- Thrust with a knife  
27- Game played on horseback  
28- Den  
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34- Golden  
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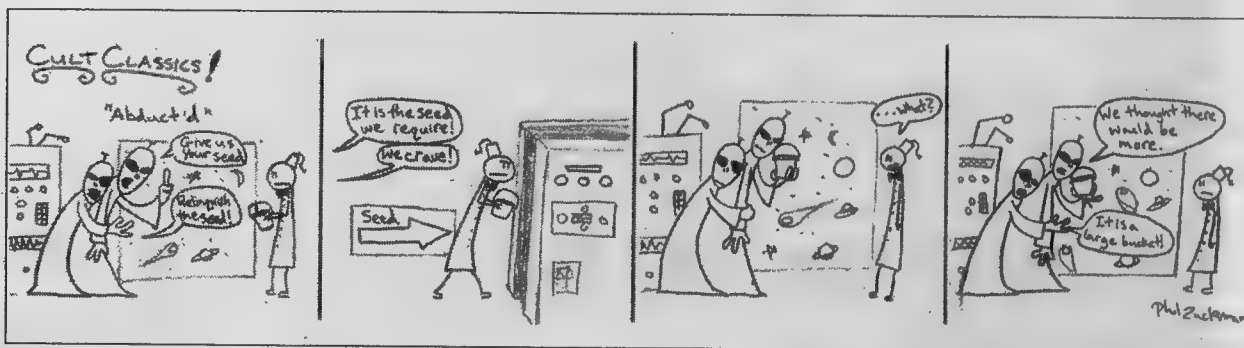
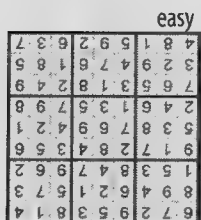
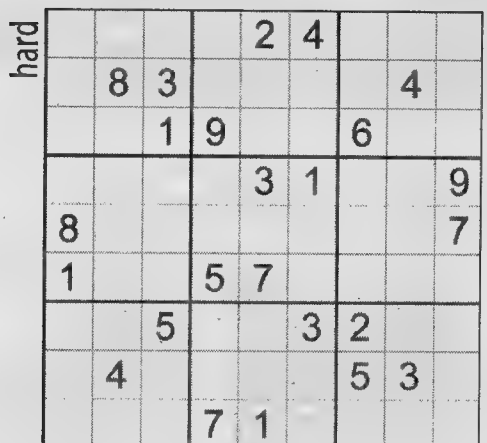
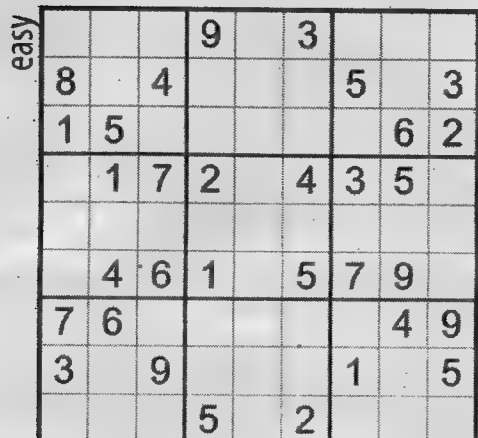
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Lindsey Ingraham, '10



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When eating a chocolate bunny, do you eat the head first?

Yeah.

I don't eat chocolate, but I'd probably take the head off.

Yeah.

Always. Wait, do ears count?

What's your prediction for the last week of March (weather-wise)? "In like a lion and ...?"

Out like a lamb.

Out like a lamb.

Out like a lamb.

Out like a lion.

What super power would you most like to have?

Invisibility.

Flying.

Invisibility.

The Ultimate Powers of the Cosmos.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Chicken.

Chicken.

Chicken.

Egg.

CYNICAL INQUISITION

Cynical Inquisitor: Erica Brown

# This Week → 3.25- 3.31

## tue

KRISPY KREME  
DONUT SALE  
Davis Center Atrium  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MARSH PROFESSOR  
AT LARGE LECTURE:  
NANCY SCHEPER-  
HUGHES  
Davis Center Williams  
Family Room  
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

L/L GALLERY  
EXHIBIT: CREATIVE  
WASTELAND: SELF-  
PORTRAITS IN TRASH  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE  
VS HARVARD  
Athletic Field 2  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## wed

UNIVERSITY JAZZ  
ENSEMBLE CONCERT  
Davis Center Williams  
Family Room  
7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LUNCH AND LEARN:  
JUDAISM 101  
Davis Center Spruce  
Room  
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

BOOK READ: FUN  
HOME  
University Heights N1  
Multipurpose Room  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

THE NAVIGATORS  
Old Mill John Dewey  
Lounge 325  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

## thu

READING/WRITER'S  
WORKSHOP  
Billings North  
Lounge B300  
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

EMPOWER YOURSELF  
THE RAD WAY  
Billings Ira Allen  
Lecture Hall  
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

WARRIOR FOR  
PEACE: ONE  
ISRAELI'S JOURNEY  
FROM SOLDIER TO  
RESISTER  
Lafayette Hall L207  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

FREE CONCERT:  
LUCKY BREAK  
Brennan's Pub  
8 p.m.

## fri

PSYCHOLOGY  
COLLOQUIUM SERIES  
John Dewey Hall 314  
4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

THE DAEDALUS  
QUARTET WITH  
AWADAGIN PRATT  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

DANCING UPHILL:  
AN EVENING  
OF ORIGINAL  
CHOREOGRAPHY  
Mann Gymnasium  
8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

UPB FRIDAY NIGHT  
MUSIC  
Brennan's Pub  
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

## sat

AFFA WORKSHOP  
9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Dance Studio - PFG  
Complex

CHITTENDEN  
COUNTY WOMEN'S  
RECEPTION  
Davis Center Livak  
Fireplace Lounge  
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

RECITAL: WESLEY  
CHRISTENSEN &  
XIUDAN LIN  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT  
MOVIE  
Billings Ira Allen  
Lecture Hall

## sun

SENIOR RECITAL:  
LISA DUTTON-SWAIN  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

SENIOR RECITAL:  
EMMA GOLDBERG  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

KIMBERLEE FORNEY  
EXHIBIT & BENEFIT  
Blue Mall, 150  
Dorset Street  
5 p.m.

HIP-HOP FEMINIST  
NATION  
Davis Center Livak  
Ballroom  
6 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.

## mon

WHEN I GROW UP  
Davis Center Burack  
Family Fireplace  
Lounge  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

STUDENT COFFEE  
WITH PRESIDENT  
FOGEL  
Davis Center Livak  
Fireplace Lounge  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

FEELGOOD GENERAL  
MEETING  
Davis Center Jost  
Foundation Room  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

VERMONT CYNIC  
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MEETING  
Lafayette Hall L108  
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# Building the blocks for learning, little by little

UVM sophomore Emma Vick helps bring education to Sudan

By BRENDAN FILKINS  
Staff Writer

It's not every day that a UVM student decides to rebuild part of a country.

Emma Vick, a sophomore at UVM, said she was "playing hookie" when she first decided she was going to dedicate herself to help build schools in Southern Sudan.

Vick said that since then she has put in countless hours, raised thousands of dollars and received recognition from cover girl Natalie Portman for her dedication to this cause.

The double major sophomore holds executive positions in both the STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) and NESEI (New Sudan Education Initiative) clubs on campus, Vick said.

For those who are unfamiliar with NESEI, it is a "rapidly growing non-profit NGO" and

SGA recognized club, dedicated to "rebuilding southern Sudan through education," said Vick.

The organization is trying to bring attention to and fix educational injustices in Southern Sudan, as less than 1 percent of Sudanese girls finish secondary school, according to their Web site [www.NESEI.org](http://www.NESEI.org).

Vick said UVM anthropology professor Robert Gordon helped her get involved when she and UVM sophomore Sasha Fisher applied to be interns for NESEI over this past summer.

Vick said they spent the summer "working over 50 hours a week, conceptualizing, planning and implementing the Future Beyond Genocide Tour."

The tour sends speakers around to high schools, churches and college campuses all across the country, and Vick was responsible for the south which was probably close to 50 stops, said Fisher.

"The interns had intensive and obsessive input into the planning of the tour, but Vick had a stress-free personality even when she has a lot on her plate," Fisher said.

As interns, the two sophomores lived and worked together in what Vick called the NESEI house.

When school started up again, Vick joined and became vice president of the NESEI club.

"She was really helpful in connecting NESEI and STAND," Fisher said. "Both [groups] are working to improve similar regions."

Gordon, who has been involved with the Sudanese Diaspora since the beginning of NESEI, describes Vick as "a silent doer" and that she and Fisher "took the opportunity to shape their own lives."

One day in October, Vick said she was reading "guilty pleasure" Teen Vogue Magazine



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

UVM Sophomore Emma Vick submitted an article to Teen Vogue contest and won.

when she came across an essay contest with a five thousand dollar cash prize for a charity of choice.

Cover Girl Natalie Portman chose Vick's essay about NESEI as the winner and said that "Emma's particular focus on women's education really spoke to me."

The \$5,000 was put towards NESEI's goal to build 20 schools in Southern Sudan by the year 2015, said Vick.

Vick, Fisher and the NESEI club are now organizing Fisher's idea to have a Sudan Week on April 6 at UVM, Fisher said.

Vick has events planned for every single day, ranging from

video chats with Sudanese students, to speakers and t-shirt designing.

It will end with a Friday night march from the Davis Center to the ECHO center where there will be a benefit party for ticket holders.

"The tickets will be five dollars, and will be on sale within a week," Vick said.

Vick said she will be traveling to Sudan with Fisher on May 10 to see what progress has been made in the schools NESEI is building.

With the support of many people, Vick has helped give a priceless gift to Sudanese children: education.

## A Not News Report

### Lou's News:

by Louis Armistead

## Global Warming Decimating Local Snowman Population

As the emission of greenhouse gasses increases and global climate continues to spiral upward, no demographic is taking it harder than the snowmen and snowwomen of our community.

Snowmen across the country are left defenseless against a rising global temperature as one by one, they slowly melt away and fade from existence.

A report put out by the

Environmental Protection Agency shows that the life expectancy of the average snowman continues to decrease.

"A snowman used to be able to last in the average American backyard for the whole winter," one official said.

"Now most of them can't even make it past Christmas."

This downsizing of snow-population was first noticed by a 7-year-old Montpelier boy

who had created what he had believed to be "the perfect snow family" in front of his garage.

Much to the little boys dismay, the snow family's limbs and remnants were scattered across the lawn in a matter of days.

What was once a happy snow family was soon just a slushy pile of snow-death. There have been no reported smiles from this household ever since.

But this story is just one of many from the decimated snow-communities that are now waning in the wake of massive global climate shift.

"This steady rise of global temperature is ravaging them beyond repair. As they literally melt away from us, who will speak for them?" said one concerned citizen.

Skeptics of global warming have claimed that the diminishing snowman population is not cause for

concern.

"There is no documented proof that the downsizing of our nation's snowmen is related to some sort of 'climate shift,'" one government official stated.

Instead of offering ways in which to deal with global climate change, they have suggested alternatives to snowmen.

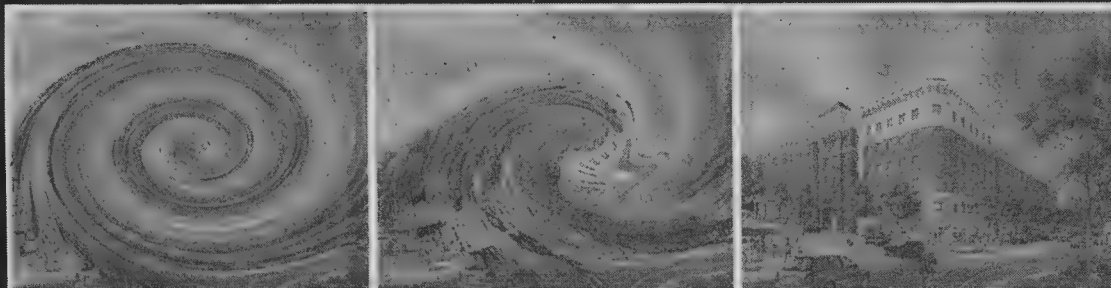
Say, kids. How about you draw a smiley face on a wooden two-by-four and drive it into the ground? That's just as good as a snowman, right?

To adjust to a soon-to-be snowman-less world, the government has even set in motions to change the lyrics to winter songs.

"Don't fret, kids. This Christmas we can all sing about our favorite wintertime character: Frosty the 2x4!" said one government official.

The EPA warns that "unless something is done soon, our snowmen will be nothing but snow angels."

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# INTO THE WILD

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Winter in Burlington can be rough, especially if you're not prepared. It's always a good idea to stay on marked paths and never go out alone.

## What to do when lost in the woods

By JUSTIN LANE

Staff Writer

Will Hern and Cooper Reid, two UVM students, were lost off the slopes of Jay Peak for 15 hours on Thursday, Feb. 21 till Friday morning without food, water or a lighter to start a fire.

"We had been skiing all day and went to take a final run when we veered off to the left [of the Beaver Pond Glade trail] looking for fresh powder and separated from each other," said Reid.

When they reunited, they used Reid's cell phone to call 911. The Jay Peak Snow Patrol was then able to use the cell phone to get a GPS location on the students.

They were told to go uphill and to the left to get back to the mountain, Reid said. However, because they were on the opposite side of the mountain, they

were instructed to go in the wrong direction.

The Boy Scout Handbook, the best-selling "Ultimate Survivors Guide," and Brad Miller of the UVM Outing Club, all agree to stay put as long as possible when lost, and if you can't, to follow the nearest water source.

After another call to the local Police Department, they found out they were going the wrong way, but were instructed to keep going and to find the stream that ran nearby.

After awhile, they were going to build a shelter for the night but decided to keep moving to stay warm, Reid said.

According to Reid, after hours of walking and after losing their only cell phone, the two came to a cabin in the woods where the cops were able to pick them up soon after.

Incidents such as these happen without warning. However, there are some things to keep in mind in order to be prepared.

Rachael Wood, vice president of the Outing Club, says one should "be

prepared before you even find yourself being lost."

Wood mentioned having enough food, water and a cell phone in case you get stranded, "Preparation is key," she said.

However in the case that you do find yourself lost and do need to find shelter, there are a few things to keep in mind.

### The Associated Press reported in January that three boys fell through the ice in an upstate New York pond and survived.

According to their Web site, Earth Connection Wilderness School, in Somerville, Va, said to use natural surroundings for shelter and materials at hand, such as leaves and grass, to insulate yourself.

They also state that, in the winter, one can move snow-covered branches lying on top of deep snow in order to reveal an insulated hollow space created by the tree-cover.

However, according to the Earth Connection Wilderness School, when you use natural places, such as trees or caves, be sure they aren't already home to another animal.

Soon after their return, Reid and Hern, received an award for being the "farthest traveled lost skiers on Beaver Pond Glade" from Jay Peak, said Reid.

Jay Peak also waved the fee that they usually charge for rescues, Reid said.

This is just one of many incidents that happen in winter months.

The Associated Press reported in January that three boys fell through the ice in an upstate New York pond and survived until they got to a nearby home based on skills they learned from the Discovery Channel show, "Man Vs. Wild."

According to almost every survival guide, being prepared and staying calm are both equally important when lost in the woods. Even though one might not be trained in wilderness survival, a little bit of ingenuity can go a long way.

## "That's what she said ..."

Sex and relationship advice with "Dr." Laura

### Porno-noob

Dear that's what she said:

What are your feelings on watching porn with your partner? Does it mean that my partner needs something extra (besides me) to turn him on? And what's the etiquette if we do watch porn together?

-Pornography Virgin

Dear Virgin:

While the idea of low-budget adult films might seem sleazy in your mind, watching porn with your partner can be seriously hot.

Instead of viewing porn as the third member of your threesome, look at it as an instructive outsider that can help get both your engines revved.

If you're curious about porn, it's definitely something to try. And many people, especially women, find it more enjoyable to watch it with a partner than to watch it solo.

Here are some simple tips:

Agree on a video that you both want to watch, especially if you have never watched an adult film and your partner has an ample collection.

This way you will be able to focus your attention on your own sexual experience without being distracted by the sleazy guys/rough sex/huge boobs often seen in porn.

Secondly, while porn can be a great addition to spice up your normal routine, it should only be used on occasion.

Otherwise, couples can become too reliant on porn as a necessary foreplay for all intercourse.

So like any other bedroom toy, use porn in moderation and remember that it is your partner who should really be turning you on.

Which brings us to the question of how to act.

Obviously you and your partner shouldn't sit on opposite sides of the couch and do your own thing. It's not fourth grade anymore.

That being said, it's not like you need to go buy a slutty-cop outfit and act the whole porn out.

However, it is a good idea for you and your partner to put on something sexy instead of sweats.

It's also important to have all the essentials — condoms, lube, etc. — in close proximity so that you don't have to run to the bedroom and ruin the excitement.

If you and your partner are comfortable with each other, then things should begin to flow smoothly almost as soon as the x-rated action begins.

Since you're a newcomer to adult films there will be probably be a five-minute period adjusting to the awkwardness of watching someone else have sex, but once you can get beyond that, you're golden.

And remember, nobody likes a person who talks during a movie.

Just kidding, but people often talk more when they feel anxious or uncomfortable, so it's helpful to try to relax and embrace the experience.

Just let things flow and use the action in the film to spring yourselves in action.

Another good tip is to fast-forward through parts that aren't quite doing it for you or your partner.

It's not like you need to watch the entire movie from start to finish, and there are usually a variety of sexual encounters in porn involving different combinations, positions and situations. As Kelly, a 20-year-old student explained, "I've never finished watching a porn with a boyfriend because we're always doing our own thing before the movie is over."

Try imitating things the actors are doing, as long as they're in your comfort zone.

Sometimes the raunchiness of porn even inspires more modest people to try something a little naughtier, which can turn your partner on even more.

As long as you can feel comfortable and not embarrassed around your partner, porn can be a great twist on a boring movie night.

## A-broader view

### American History

Imagine the following said with a thick English accent and a fish 'n chips-eating grin:

"American history? Well that's a bloody laugh; America doesn't have history!"

It must be that everyone thinks they're a comedian, or they all think they're the height of originality.

Either way, they're wrong and I've lost track of how many times I've received that very response after telling European folks I study American history.

At first I was indignant. "No history!?" I'd exclaim, aghast, before launching into a rant about the Civil War and Native Americans,

complete with a respectable amount of angry fist shaking.

The fish 'n chips-eating grins would only widen.

That was earlier in the year though. I've since come to realize two things:

1. As much as America is full of people who could use a smack in the head with an A.P. history textbook, Europe is equally well endowed.

2. Great Britain is an old country. The second realization may seem self evident.

Everyone knows that England was jotting down constitutions and stretching its imperial muscles while America was still worried about unexpected bear attacks.

But it's something else entirely to be leaning against a building, see a plaque next to you and learn "Lord Featherbottom IV of Cheshire lived here from 1537-1598."

When Chaucer was imagining his pilgrims bumbling their way across Kent, Canterbury had memories of Roman rule.

More people died of plague in London on Sept 4, 1665 than lived in New York City at the time.

My favorite pub in town, Jazz on Saturdays, which has more beer on tap than you could shake a jousting

lance at, existed before Europeans were regularly killing each other with guns.

Somehow, in a country where the premier university was founded so long ago that no one quite knows when exactly it was founded, I've chosen to study at a school founded in 1965.

Don't mistake my meaning, there's nothing wrong with the University of Kent. Everything about the place is just strangely new, and such impressions stand out in an elderly nation.

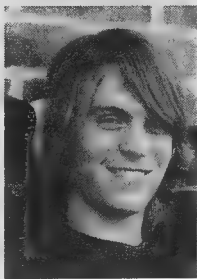
At least the books in the library are old; I recently had the pleasure of using a book of American historical documents which proudly listed all the amendments up until prohibition.

I imagined some poor English student picking it up and thinking those silly Americans really should grant women suffrage.

Yes, England is an old place. Relatively speaking, America is still amazed by the mobile spinning above its crib while the U.K. looks on in a smoking jacket, sipping scotch.

With such an image in mind, the patronizing looks and snickers that accompany my mention of American history make a bit more sense.

Though a textbook smack still could only help.



Foreign Correspondent

Stephen R. Hausmann



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## Taylor wins SGA presidency

Students elect James "Jay" Taylor and Josh Miller for Student Government Association president and vice president

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO  
Senior Staff Writer

In a matter of weeks, the UVM student body will be under the wings of two new leaders.

James "Jay" Taylor and Josh Miller were the winners of this year's Student Government Association (SGA) presidential and vice presidential elections.

Current SGA President

Kesha Ram sent an e-mail to the student body last Thursday afternoon notifying them of the winners.

"[The victory] feels awesome," Taylor said.

"I was feeling pretty optimistic on Tuesday and Wednesday, but during the last few hours [of the election] I was nervous."

The voting stations closed at 4 p.m. on Wednesday and, about an hour later, Taylor received a call from Emma Grady, election chair of SGA, informing him of his victory, he said.

According to the election statistics, Taylor received about 74 percent of 557 votes; his opponent Michael Glynne, who is also the Speaker of the Senate, received about 26 percent.

Although Miller ran uncontested, he only received 78 percent of the vote.

"Some students voted for

people that weren't on the ballot, while others just didn't vote for vice president at all," Miller said.

The number of voters is a small representation of the student body, but voter turnout is always a problem, Taylor said.

After the results were in, Glynne called Taylor to congratulate him and wish him luck, Taylor said.

"This election was definitely ugly at times but I feel like [Mike and I] are still good friends," he said.

Taylor and Miller have the full support of both President Ram and Vice President

Vincent-Bryan, Vincent-Bryan said.

"I have a lot of faith in the student body and their choice is what's important," he said.

Director of Student Life, Pat Brown, had a similar view on the results. "Whoever gets elected is the voice of the students," he said.

Scott McCarty, chair of the SGA Committee on Legislative Action also gave his support to Taylor's victory.

"I had two of my really good friends running [Taylor and Glynne] and I'm glad we had the choice between the two," he said.

"They both offered really good ideas and the Senate would have been served well by either of them."

**Taylor and Miller both plan to focus on safety and clubs when they assume their positions in a few weeks.**



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

UVM sophomore and SGA senator for two years, James "Jay" Taylor was elected student body president on Thursday.

Originally, Taylor and Miller were planning on running for each other's positions, Taylor said.

"Josh was looking to run for president, but we talked about our experiences, and Josh's experiences with clubs and his passion for the Senate itself made more sense for him to run for vice president," he said.

"We're a team, though," Miller said. "There is no over-shadowing, but someone had to step down for the good of SGA."

Taylor and Miller will officially assume their positions on April 16, the day following the transition ceremony, Ram said.

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## University holds third survey on participation

By GINA PULS

Cynic Correspondent

Among the many e-mails sent to students from the University on any given day, one e-mail put a new iPod Touch into the hands of senior Rebecca Katz.

Rebecca won the iPod after having her name selected from participants who completed The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) online.

Last month, University President Daniel Fogel sent an e-mail to UVM freshmen and seniors requesting their participation in the survey, which is used to look at students' experiences at their colleges and universities.

The survey looks at factors of student life such as activities outside of class, advising and levels of academic challenge.

The NSSE was first used in 1999 as a response to the US News and World Report: America's Best Colleges. Institutions were frustrated with the ranking system used by these types of reports and sought a new way to evaluate colleges and universities.

UVM first started using this survey in 2002 and has since continued in three-year cycles.

This year's survey will mark the third year UVM has participated.

The NSSE looks more at

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## Kweli, Dr. Dog to perform at SA Concert's Springfest



Ziggy Marley jams on his colorful guitar at last year's Springfest. Tickets are already on sale at the UVM Athletics Office, Pure Pop and online at [www.uvmtickets.com](http://www.uvmtickets.com).

By PATRICK LACLAIR

Cynic Correspondent

Talib Kweli is set to headline UVM's Springfest on Saturday, April 19. Also scheduled to perform is funk keyboardist Bernie Worrell along with Leo Nocentelli and the psychedelic rock group Dr. Dog.

Brady Lee, president of SA Concerts, the campus group responsible for the organization of Springfest, said, "We have put together a very eclectic lineup that we feel will appeal to a lot of different people."

Eclectic is the adjective of choice to describe this year's selection: Talib Kweli is a hip-hop artist who since the late-

90s has had great critical success with three solo albums as well as numerous collaborations.

His latest solo effort, *Eardrum*, reached number two on the charts last year.

"I'm excited they got a big artist," freshman Justin Leveille said. "I don't know who they've had the past few years, but I can't imagine it getting much better than Talib Kweli."

Funk musicians Bernie Worrell, of Parliament-Funkadelic, and Leo Nocentelli, former guitarist for The Meters, will join Kweli at Springfest.

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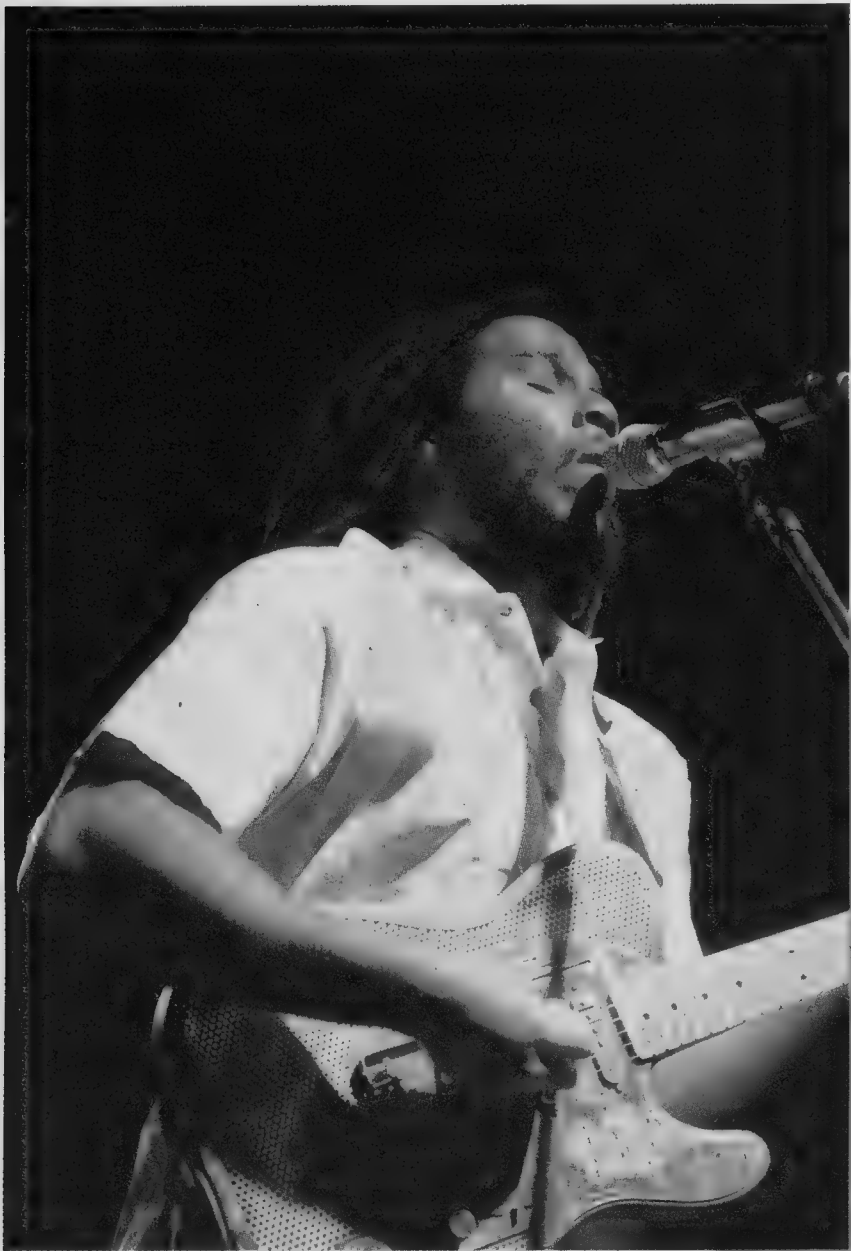
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Above: Ziggy Marley, son of legendary Bob Marley and the headliner from Springfest 2007, performs at Patrick Gym.

Right: RJD2 joined Marley, Robert Randolph and the Family Band at last year's event.

## SPRINGFEST

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Dr. Dog will also be appearing, a group whose psychedelic music is said to channel the sounds of late 1960's rock.

The concert will feature the winner of the University Program Board's Battle of the Bands as the opening act.

Besides the music, there are plans for a BBQ as well as a beer tent. SA Concerts is still in the process of planning other events that will take place throughout the day.

Weather permitting,

Springfest is scheduled to be held on the Chittenden/Buckham/Wills Green.

In case of bad weather, indoor locations are being explored — last year's Springfest was held in Patrick Gym.

Admission to Springfest is \$10 for UVM students, \$20 for surrounding-area college students and \$30 for the general public.

Tickets are already on sale at the UVM Athletics Office, Pure Pop and online at [www.uvmtickets.com](http://www.uvmtickets.com).

## Springfest 2008

**Who:** Talib Kweli, Dr. Dog, Bernie Worrell along with Leo Nocentelli

**What:** SA Concerts' Springfest

**Where:** CBW Green

**When:** April 19, 12 p.m.



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**Q: What is the demand?**

**A:** The same as the past four years, a wage for directly employed and contracted workers that provides for their basic needs.

**Q: How many workers don't earn a livable wage?**

**A:** At least 450 workers, across campus, from dining halls to dorms.

**Q: What is a livable wage?**

**A:** Determined by the State of VT as the hourly wage necessary for needs such as food, rent, and healthcare. It is \$13.94 plus benefits.

**Q: What was the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force?**

**A:** The Task force, which included students, workers, faculty, and senior administrators, was charged with making recommendations on low wage workers, concluding that UVM is able and should immediately pay a livable wage.

**Q: How much will it cost to pay livable wages?**

**A:** The Task Force found that it would cost less than 1 million to bring all directly employed workers to a livable wage. It would cost less than 2 million to bring ALL workers to at least that level.

**Q: Where will the money come from?**

**A:** UVM has a huge amount of money available to it. This will take adjusting our priorities and values to provide livable wages. We just exceeded the \$250,000,000 goal in the UVM capital campaign. The Board of Trustees just approved \$844,000 to STUDY a new athletic complex, and we have 26 Vice Presidents with big salaries! etc. etc.

**Q: Will it raise my tuition?**

**A:** No! Our tuition already rises by 6% a year as it is! The money doesn't have to come from tuition, financial aid, academics, or diversity programs.

**Q: Who supports livable wages?**

**A:** Workers, campus unions, many staff and faculty, the SGA, the Faculty Senate, Senator Sanders, Mayor Kiss, local Reps Zuckerman, Pearson, Weston, and Lorber (among others), student groups, and thousands of students that have signed petitions!



## TAYLOR

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In order to be prepared for their new roles, Ram and Vincent-Bryan will help to acculturate Taylor and Miller, she said.

"Part of the reason we're happy and proud to pass the torch is that we've done a really good job accomplishing what we set out to accomplish this year."

Brown will also assist the two in adjusting to their new roles.

**Check out page 6 to find out *The Cynic's* take on voter participation**

"I have to meet with [Taylor and Miller] and raise questions to get them thinking about what they want out of their positions," he said.

As president and vice president, Taylor and Miller will have the ability to nominate the seven chairs for the Senatorial committees and the treasurer for the upcoming school year, Taylor said.

"We also have the ability to nominate a speaker candidate, but the Senate ultimately votes," he said.

The election of a new speaker is usually presided over by the old speaker, but this year will be interesting because Glynne could choose to run again for speaker, Ram said.

Taylor and Miller both plan to focus on safety and clubs when they assume their positions in a few weeks. "We are reaching out to clubs to help students realize we are there for them," Taylor said.

For the first time in four years, both the elected president and vice president are members of Greek Life, he said.

"We intend to stay active, too," Miller said. "We want to make the Greek presence more known around campus."

The duo will also be staying in Vermont all summer to evaluate student safety through CatAlert and the blue light system, in addition to putting together resources for clubs around campus,

Taylor said.

"I've seen three different presidents and vice presidents go through and I have seen what they've done, and I'm truly honored to be following in [their] footsteps," Miller said.

Glynne was unavailable to comment.



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)  
Josh Miller, the newly elected vice president of the Student Government Association. Miller ran uncontested.

## Committed to the Facts

In the story "Sentence deferred for Glynne graffiti" published on March 4, 2008 quotes from Charles "Andy" Black were unintentionally omitted.

The archived story on [www.vermontcynic.com](http://www.vermontcynic.com) will be updated with quotes from Black.

## NEWS SUMMARY

## INTERNATIONAL

## JAPAN

## Defamation lawsuit rejected

The 1994 Nobel laureate in literature, Kenzaburo Oe, was backed by the Osaka District Court in a lawsuit challenging his depiction of the Japanese military's involvement in the mass suicides of civilians in Okinawa in World War II.

The suit, filed in 2005 by war veterans and their families, claimed there was no evidence of military involvement in the deaths and called for a printing block of Oe's book.

## CHILE

## Salmon virus threatens export industry

Millions of salmon set to export to Asia, Europe and the U.S. are dying because of a spreading virus called Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA).

The virus has caused the laying off of more than 1,000 workers and seriously damaging Chile's third largest industry.

Scientists have used the spreading plague as an opening for new contamination charges caused by crowded underwater breeding facilities.

## SOMALIA

## Chaos could reclaim new government

The Transitional Federal Government could be the 13th government to fall, unless their calls for international peacekeepers, weapons, training and money to pay their soldiers are answered.

New violence began in Mogadishu when Islamist insurgents attempted to defend a marketplace from government troops that held merchants at gunpoint. The outburst resulted in heavy casualties and the soldiers retreated to take refuge in the presidential palace.

The government, initially backed by thousands of Ethiopian troops, are being left to their own defenses by Ethiopia.

## UNITED KINGDOM

## New British Airways terminal fails to live up to promises

State-of-the-art technology, intended to make check-in procedures more efficient and increase the enjoyment of flying, is the cause of more than 70 canceled flights.

British Airways canceled almost 70 flights on Thursday and more than 35 were canceled in advance to ease strain on staff learning the new system.

All information collected from The New York Times

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## NEWS SUMMARY

### NATIONAL

#### RHODE ISLAND

##### Governor signs order against illegal immigration

The executive order, signed by Governor Donald L. Carcieri insists that state agencies and companies verify the legal status of all employees.

State police and prison and parole officials will have to work harder to find and deport illegal immigrants. They will gain access to specialized immigration databases to help in this endeavor.

#### VERMONT

##### \$3 million promised for pothole repairs

Vermont lawmakers agreed to move \$3 million from the current transportation budget to address the roads damaged by this winter.

The \$3 million in patches, roadway shimming and other renovations will ease the most immediate issues with the roads, but not fix them completely or address the larger issue of small transportation revenues.

#### BURLINGTON

##### Senior housing project in North End rejected

The proposed project in Appletree Point by Infill Development Services was recommended against by Burlington's Design Advisory Board.

People living around the proposed development site have expressed their anticipated negative effects of the project as worsening the traffic issues.

The developer of the project was advised to rethink the impact of the Board's concerns of building sizes, traffic and the effects of precipitation on the proposed landscape.

## NSSE

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students' overall experiences and "outputs" of education rather than just "inputs" such as SAT scores and expenditures per student, UVM's Director of Institutional Studies, Fred Curran, said.

University officials use the NSSE as a way to gain insight into how students feel about their experiences at UVM, as a way to evaluate trends over time and as a way to see where more improvements need to be made.

The survey also allows the participating schools the chance to see how they compare with similar type institutions. Curran said that the survey has "proven to be a very useful instrument" for UVM.

Due to the fact that there has recently been more pressure put on colleges to show the outcomes of students' educations, the NSSE results are taken very seriously by UVM.

The 2002 survey revealed that UVM students did not attend campus events, such as special speakers and sporting and cultural events, in the same numbers as students of similar institutions.

Because of these results, more money and efforts were put into on-campus activities such as lecture series, as well as the practice of setting aside sporting event tickets just for students.

These efforts paid off, as the 2005 survey showed a significant increase in the number of students who felt as though UVM put an emphasis on campus events.

One of the biggest concerns from the 2005 survey was that UVM students were significantly less likely to have "serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity" than respondents at similar institutions, although these numbers did increase since 2002.

"UVM is really focused on this" and the promotion of diversity remains an "institutional commitment," Associate Director of University Communications, Jeff Wakefield, said.

Wakefield also emphasizes the point that this survey is unquestionably vital in creating goals for the University and is used in making sure those goals are met.

A last reminder to complete the survey was sent to students on March 26. There is still another round of prizes to be given away, including a Wii System, a \$200 JetBlue gift card and a \$100 City Market Gift Certificate.

Students interested in completing the survey have until June 1 to do so and should look for an e-mail titled "This is the last chance to give UVM your feedback."

Results from this year's survey will not be available until late August.

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## STAFF EDITORIALS

## Vermont, the nation

Vermont secession, just like any idea left unconsidered, is easy to dismiss. Rather than discard the idea outright, there are a number of moral, philosophical and even practical considerations that may make the idea very attractive.

First, why should we break from the Union?

The nation as a whole has been rapidly departing from the vision of America held as ideal by many Vermonters — it has become a big-government, militaristic and corporate-run monolith, which seeks to intrude more and more into our private lives.

Many of us who support secession no longer believe that the United States' government can be trusted to act in the interests of its people.

Because of this, Vermont is unable to direct itself as it wishes. Policies governing drug and alcohol use, National Guard deployment and a whole range of other issues have been stolen from our communities' hands.

So why should Vermont continue to be a cog, happily squeaking along in the American machine?

The most common answer is that Vermont cannot survive on its own. It is simply too small and poor to function without the safety net provided by the national government.

Where does this idea come from? Vermont has a large agrarian sector to produce the food needed to trade and to feed its citizens, a thriving tourist industry to bring in money from the outside and located in the far-north, little need for a large military if any at all.

And though Vermonters receive an average of \$1.08 for every dollar we contribute to the federal government's coffers, unfunded, under-funded and mandatory government programs that an independent Vermont would not be forced to participate in suggests that the effect of this extra revenue may get reduced to zero.

In other words, Vermonters may see little or no adjustment in their tax burden, while maintaining all of their currently enjoyed services. Our highways would remain paved and police and fire departments would continue to keep us safe.

An independent Vermont is an idea that is worth a serious thought.

## The voter turnout blues

This past week's presidential elections confirmed our previous concerns about the connection between the Student Government Association and the student body.

When only 715 of 9,454 undergraduates vote for the person that will represent them for the next year, it demonstrates a very disturbing trend.

Students at this University, a school known for many outspoken voices and strong view-points, continue to follow the incredibly disappointing trend of general apathy that is so prevalent in our generation.

SGA has incredible resources to help students on campus and to represent the student body to the University higher-ups. It's apparent that every student has a bone to pick; the amount of complaints on parking, tuition or food service alone is astounding.

With SGA's lack of presence about campus, for anyone not intimately associated with the organization is disgraceful. In this regard, the incredibly poor turnout is not surprising.

It is not only the students' fault that so few people voted. SGA needs to make a concerted effort to be a valuable resource on campus and break out of their almost incestuous inner workings and do what they were elected to: work for the students.

According to American Student Government Association (ASGA), between 10 and 15 percent of students vote in SGA elections at public universities. This seems like a despicably low number but compared to the mere 7.5 percent that voted here last week it is an incredible turnout.

From a SGA standpoint, things need to change. For starters, what happened to online voting?

Sure, there were problems with glitches during mid-term elections, but the net cast is so much wider than the two polling places available last week on campus. Wouldn't it be worth spending a small amount of time figuring out the system and reaching a broader base of voters?

SGA needs to make its presence on campus felt by every student. The students need to show interest in who represents them. It's time everyone made a greater effort.

## CLUB CURRENCY



## COLUMNIST

JEREMY SPIRO-WINN



## A word from our sponsors

All across this nation, enshrined in every home, rests a device that is bringing down our culture, our communities and ultimately, all that makes society good.

Television, though a wonder of technology, cannot be counted among our greatest inventions. It is the worst, and it has destroyed more minds than any other human creation.

I don't dislike television. I hate it.

That is not to say that I do not, on occasion, watch a television show; there is some truly great programming out there.

Among these programs I count "South Park," "The Daily Show" and the remaining fragments of good news found nowhere near the cable news channels — programs which not only entertain, but inspire the viewer to participate by thinking about their world: Though "SouthPark" is oftentimes crude, it does not offer crudeness alone.

But most of those screens do not depict anything that comes anywhere near that which may be considered "great programming." Most project streams of such utterly hollow drivel that it shrivels the mind and pacifies and devastates the body.

And the force emanating from these sets has bound so tightly with many of us that the thought of getting rid of a television is nearly inconceivable.

And it sometimes is hard. It really is.

Television offers an easy and instantaneous

escape from truly agonizing feelings and sensations of boredom. When we "quit" television, boredom is our withdrawal.

But the whole world instead concerns itself with the dangerous and addictive effects of drugs and alcohol. That's not to say that these things are not, or cannot be, truly dangerous, but I ask this: which has done more good for our culture?

While abusing their bodies with dangerous substances, many have written novels, painted and drawn art, drawn strands of melody together to create music and bore new thoughts into being, I cannot think of a single person who has been inspired by television to create.

I cannot think of a single person who has, in the slack-jawed paralysis of television-watching, changed the world.

And we are finding it more and more in our lives. Television now exists in places where there used to be none.

They mount televisions in restaurants, at gas-pumps, even urinals. God forbid we should suffer a moment without it!

And worst of all in the back-seats of cars, so that parents may be spared their children's boredom, we are installing the screens — indoctrinating and addicting a new generation.

I hope reading this has made you feel what I feel. I hope, probably foolishly, that somebody will hear this and hit that power button.

I hope you see what I see when I look at the world around me because across the nation I see many who have grown fat and stupid under the radioactive glow of the tube.

I see many who would discuss the troubled lives of fictional characters, but fail to spend a moment's consideration on the bum in the street with very real trials and tribulations as they breeze past.

I see a horrible waste of countless lives. I see the killing of the soul. I see death before death and it comes with "a word from our sponsors."

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## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Twice now in the last three days, the Clinton campaign has called me to try and convince me that as a delegate I don't have to vote for who I said I'd vote for...."

— Jeff Herbert, delegate for the DNC



TOM MERTZ



## "The Dud"

UVM's new Dudley H. Davis Center (which we should call "The Dud" for short) has reaped much praise for being the first LEED gold certified student center in the country.

That is an impressive step towards UVM's goal of being the "environmental University." However, the environmental friendliness of The Dud and UVM's environmental image have both been overblown.

The building has reached the LEED certification level of "Gold," which is one level short of the top-ranking platinum level certification. A new project, starting from scratch, for the environmental University, in the environmental state, couldn't aim for the top?

It's nice that UVM took at least some initiative in environmental awareness for their new building but a problem exists in the perception we all have about it. There is nothing green about constructing a building.

New buildings require materials from all over. The Dud scored fairly high in this area by using as many local or recycled building materials as it could, but it is still large-scale consumption. The building still needs to be powered and heated, the rooftop is non-permeable, cement production is environmentally harmful and the engines in the construction equipment weren't hybrids.

The environmental friendliness of the University is weakened most significantly by the amount of single occupancy vehicles of the staff and faculty that drive to campus every day, not because the rocks in the buildings come from far away. New dorms and buildings also mean more

heating fuel needs to be burned. Road salting in the winter is bad, although it occurred at a reduced rate this year. We also just can't seem to win "Recyclemania."

UVM has another problem by owning a significant student population that doesn't fully grasp the difference between global climate change, ozone depletion and global warming. UVM has a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and departments in Arts and Science focused on the environment but most students in them already know about major environmental problems and are interested in solutions.

In order to help realize the goal of being the environmental University, UVM should add a new course about the major environmental problems in the world today. It would be required for all degrees in all schools. It would be designed for those who know nothing about the environment. A required class on environmental problems would be appropriate because it is the environment that sustains all life.

The class would focus on different economic/social sectors' (transportation, agriculture, industrial production, energy, all the really big ones) contribution to environmental degradation. Basically, it would explain why global climate change is occurring and why it is the largest environmental issue in the world today as well as hit on some of the other big environmental problems like overpopulation, ozone depletion, desertification, pollution and peak-oil.

America is in bad need of a crash course on how our lives are hurting the Earth. What better place than at the environmental University to make sure that everybody gets one? I'm sure the environmental University could make the class a good one.

Constructing buildings doesn't make anybody greener. Educating young adults (and older ones) about the biggest environmental problems the world faces is a real way to start making a difference.

MICHAEL FARLEY II



## Look

Seventeen thousand people attend Barack Obama's rallies, with most attendees aged between 18-30. Two to three thousand people likewise attend Hillary Clinton's and John McCain's, a majority of them being the more "mature" voters.

The only way Obama could possibly lose? All his voters party too hard the night before the election and are too hung over to remember to get up and vote.

Yes, with an election looming on the horizon and eight years of treachery, increasing gas prices, war and tax cuts for the rich that have led us to the brink of recession in our wake, we, the future of this country, have a tough decision ahead of us.

A decision much more difficult than paper or plastic, or boxers or briefs. We are about to decide who will lead us into the next decade. And with that in mind, I steal the tagline from Match.com: "It's Okay To Look." That's right everybody, it's okay to look, and please, I beg you, look.

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I'm not going to drop a bunch of facts and figures on you like the media will, but I will drop these three bombshells on you: Hillary's promise of universal healthcare without raising taxes is impossible.

Every country that has universal Healthcare has had to increase taxes first in order to pay for it. Obama wants to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050. A great idea but by the time 2050 is here you and I will have grandkids and hopefully be retired. 2050?

The time to act is now, why not 80 percent reduction by 2010? McCain thinks we can still win in Iraq, not because he believes in the Iraqis and their democracy, but because America has "vital interests" in the region and America refuses to give up the fight.

And then, there are the outside candidates, Ron Paul and Ralph Nader. Ron Paul is your perfect candidate: anti-war, anti-Bush, anti-big government and anti-Federal taxes. Wait, anti-Federal taxes? Isn't he a congressman?

That's right everyone, Federal taxes have been paying his salary since 1976. So much for him. And as for Ralph Nader, well you all remember

what happened in 2000, don't you?

As you can see, I'm not telling you who to vote for. I'm just telling you to think before you vote and that it's okay to look.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Curbing corporate corruption

In looking to curb the greed and corruption in America, we turn to our good neighbors of the north, Canada.

Examining the "Sale of Goods Act of 1960 and amended Act of 1996", we find, once all the legalese is set aside, the objective of this act is to make sure Canadians play nice and don't screw each other with dirty tricks and unfair business practices.

When I think about some of the crooked mechanics we have taken our car to, and some appliances we have bought in the past, I was wishing America had a Fairness Act similar to Canada. Digging deeper, we discover it does, and also, states like Ohio and Texas have their own version to supplement the federal regulations.

But it seems to us, due to wording and terminology, Canada's Fairness Act is superior to its American counterpart in almost all respects.

The United Fascist Union therefore proposes American consumer protection legislation be revamped and amended so it is more like the laws and regulations existing in Canada and its provinces at present.

Respectfully,  
Mr. Jack Grimes

Presidential Candidate of the  
United Fascist Union

### Long live Pearson and Zuckerman!

As a Burlington resident, taxpayer and teacher, I am writing to express my continued support for State Representatives Christopher Pearson and David Zuckerman.

I had recently written a letter to our district's legislators calling on them to repeal the "Two Vote Mandate" provision of Act 82 which would make it harder for local communities to pass school budgets, resulting in serious damage to the state of public education.

Both Pearson and Zuckerman responded to my plea promptly, and informed me that it was their initiative to bring this amendment back to the forefront for repeal. With their support and advocacy, the successful repeal within the House has proven a very significant first step toward returning local control to our school boards and citizens to decide what's best for our children.

I am impressed with Pearson and Zuckerman's

responsive, direct style of addressing constituents' concerns, and as a young person in Burlington, believe that their Progressive leadership with current and past initiatives has demonstrated a responsibility to Burlington's next generation of voters and workers, and to a long term vision for the future of our community.

Pearson and Zuckerman's consistent advocacy for public education legislation shows much needed courage and initiative at a time when Democrats have fallen short.

It is our progressive representatives who are moving us forward as a community, not only with education issues, but also through their work on instant run-off voting, the governor's attack on the Intervale compost facility, and by working to protect our youngest and most vulnerable community members with their support of the lead paint bill. It is their leadership that brought the repeal of the school funding provision to life.

Thank you, Representative Pearson and Representative Zuckerman, for working to keep our community strong and vital, maintaining local control, and for your support of our public schools.

Respectfully,  
Rebecca Smith  
Burlington Resident and  
Teacher President, BEA

### The lies of the "killer coke" crowd

After reading a story that ran on Channel 3 WCAX and appeared on the front page of its Web site, headlined "UVM students wanting to rid the campus of Coca-Cola," I am disgusted by the hypocrisy and the closed-minded thoughts of these armchair activists.

The Campaign to Stop Killer Coke is a complete waste of time and attention and a violation of consumer's rights.

It is not the reasonability of a small number of students or even the University to tell consumers that they cannot purchase because of political beliefs.

This removes the choice from the consumer. It is the responsibility of the University and the consumers to educate themselves, know what they are buying and where it comes from and make the choice themselves.

I myself do not support Coke, or any soda company for that matter. I support hu-

man rights, American rights and my right to choose.

Justin Hurtt, who is the leader of this movement at UVM, embarrassed himself and the University during an interview with WCAX. "I believe that we should if we want to hold up to our code of conduct and be able to promote ourselves as a progressive and a sustainable college."

To begin with, what do alleged human rights violations have to do with sustainability?

Nothing. Hurtt's plan to make UVM more sustainable by replacing Coke products with Pepsi ones is a contradiction.

In October 2007 CocaCola invested \$60 million to build the world's largest bottle-to-bottle recycling plant in the world.

The bottle-to-bottle process is where old soda bottles are made into new ones, a process Pepsi has yet to show interest in.

I'm appalled that someone would humiliate the University this badly in the media by agreeing to an interview when they really don't know what they are talking about.

Respectfully,  
Kyle Martel  
Class of 2011

## This Week

Tuesday, April 1 - Monday, April 7

### TUESDAY, April 1

**Women's Lacrosse**  
@ Dartmouth  
Hanover, N.H., 2:30 p.m.

**Softball**  
@ Siena  
Londonville, N.Y., 3 p.m.

**Men's Lacrosse**  
vs. Fairfield  
Moulton Winder Field, 4 p.m.

### FRIDAY, April 4

**Baseball**  
@ UMBC  
Baltimore, Md., 4 p.m.

### SATURDAY, April 5

**Track and Field**  
@ UNH Invitational  
Durham, N.H. 11 a.m.

**Baseball**  
@ UMBC  
Baltimore, Md., 12 p.m.

**Softball**  
vs. Hartford  
Archie Post Field, 12 p.m.

**Women's Lacrosse**  
vs. Albany  
Moulton Winder Field, 1 p.m.

**Men's Lacrosse**  
@ Stony Brook  
Stony Brook, N.Y., 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY, April 6

**Baseball**  
@ UMBC  
Baltimore, Md., 12 p.m.

**Softball**  
vs. Hartford  
Archie Post Field, 12 p.m.

# Play ball: MLB preview

## Look for the Tigers, Mets to slug it out in the 2008 World Series

By LANCE MILLER

Senior Staff Writer

After an off-season filled with steroid allegations and superstar trades, it's time to sort out who's got a shot (that's you, Detroit) and who doesn't (sorry, Kansas City). Let's break it down, division by division.

### National League Winners

#### N.L. East: New York Mets

Here's why: While losing Tom Glavine seemed to completely handicap the Mets at first, they pulled off a deal for stud-ace Johan Santana and they didn't give up anyone big to get him.

Santana brings to the N.L. two Cy Youngs and has led the league in strikeouts, ERA and wins in the past three seasons.

They also added OF Ryan Church, C Brian Schneider and extended 2B Luis Castillo's contract. With all of these additions, look for the Amazins' to take down the weak N.L. East this season and cruise through the playoffs to the World Series.

#### N.L. Central: Chicago Cubs

Here's why: Everyone that matters from last year's Division Championship team has returned to the Cubs.

The big addition they made was importing Japanese

stud Kosuke Fukudome, who provides exactly what the Cubbies lacked last season: a potent, left-handed bat, which balances out their heavily right-handed lineup.

Also, the return of Kerry Wood as the closer has Cubs fans excited.

The 2008 season marks the 100th year since the Cubs have won a World Series. Anyone picking the Cubs to win it all this year?

#### N.L. West: L.A. Dodgers

Here's why: The Dodgers signed Joe Torre to manage their squad. He will come to the N.L. West, with all of his worldly experience as manager of the Yankees and manage the Dodgers right to a division title.

Andruw Jones will have a bounceback season in L.A. and the Dodgers will easily take down a strong West Division.

### American League Winners

#### A.L. East: Boston Red Sox

Here's Why: The Sox did not make any significant upgrades, but other than losing Schilling, they didn't get significantly worse.

The Sox have that perfect combination of young exciting players (Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia) mixed with seasoned veterans like Jason Varitek.

Most importantly, the Sox have Big Papi to anchor their lineup and Manny will be Manny.

See ya' in the ALCS, Boston.

ton.

#### A.L. Central: Detroit Tigers

Here's why: Detroit Tigers take this league down. The addition of Miguel Cabrera may be the best move of the off-season and gives the Tigers the scariest lineup in the entire league.

Magglio Ordonez hit .363 last season, and that was without Miguel Cabrera batting behind him. With Sheffield anchoring behind Cabrera, the Tigers are ferocious.

If Dontrelle Willis can have a bounceback season, and I think he will, the Tigers' rotation is almost as scary as their batting order. The Tigers will maul their opponents and take down the entire American League.

#### A.L. West: Seattle Mariners

Here's why: Erik Bedard is a huge improvement to what Seattle has been lacking ever since Randy Johnson left, which is a solid left-handed starter. Paired up with Felix Hernandez, I really like Seattle's team in the weak A.L. West.

The Mariners have good enough hitting combined with an above-average rotation to win a lot of games in their pitcher-friendly ball park.

### World Series Prediction:

The Mets avenge last year's late-season collapse by beating the Tigers in six games to win their first title in 22 years.

## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Bad Week for Chris Webber

The one time NBA superstar ended his 15-year NBA career following continued complications with his surgically repaired knee.

After rejoining the Golden State Warriors this season, Webber's original team, he has only appeared in nine games.

The 35-year-old retired only two months after his return to the NBA.

### Good Week for Pacman Jones

Only in the NFL can a player facing felony charges be traded to a better team.

Pending Adam "Pacman" Jones' reinstatement to the NFL by commissioner Roger Goodell, he seems headed to the Dallas Cowboys.

This would be a huge improvement for Jones, who is currently property of the struggling Tennessee Titans.

### Bad Week for NFL Players with dreads

The NFL's competition committee is considering a rule which would make it illegal for players to have long hair sticking out of their helmets.

The rule is being brought forth partially because of a play in which Chiefs' player Larry Johnson tackled Steelers' safety Troy Polamalu by his 'do.

While this rule would not require players to get haircuts, it would force them to tuck their hair under their helmet, thus putting an end to one of the coolest fashions trends in sports right now.

### Bad Week for Two-plankers

The playing field was leveled a bit more between skiers and snowboarders last week, when, for the first time, Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico allowed snowboarders on its slopes.

For the past 53 years, Taos was a resort reserved exclusively for skiers, part of the ranks of skier-only mountains like Alta, Deer Valley and Mad River Glen.

The opening went very well, despite anxieties about potential fights breaking out, and the mountain was filled to capacity with both skiers and snowboarders alike.

## 2008 Scoreboard and Conference Standings

<b>Results</b> <b>Baseball</b> Friday, March 28 Loss @ New Mexico UVM: 3 UNM: 12 Saturday, March 29 Game 1: Loss @ New Mexico UVM: 4 UNM: 9 Saturday, March 29 Game 2: Loss @ New Mexico UVM: 4 UNM: 9 <b>Men's Lacrosse</b> Tuesday, March 25 Loss @ Brown UVM: 3-0-0-4 - 7 Brown: 2-1-4-4 - 11 Saturday, March 29 Win @ Hartford UVM: 3-2-1-1 - 7 Brown: 1-0-1-3 - 5 <b>Women's Lacrosse</b> Tuesday, March 25 Loss vs. Harvard	Harvard: 8-5 - 13 UVM: 4-6 - 10 Saturday, March 30 Loss @ BU UVM: 3-5 - 8 BU: 13-2 - 15 <b>Women's Basketball</b> Monday, March 24 Loss @ BC UVM: 29-35 - 64 BC: 35-41 - 76 <b>Softball</b> Saturday, March 29 Game 1: Loss @ BU UVM: 1 BU: 7 Saturday, March 29 Game 2: Loss @ BU UVM: 0 BU: 2 Sunday, March 30 Loss @ BU UVM: 2 BU: 7 <b>Women's Track and Field</b> Saturday, March 22	<b>@ 49er Classic</b> <b>Women's Javelin</b> 1.) Meghan Briggs - UVA - 45.57 meters 2.) Corinne DiPietro - UVM - 41.60 meters 3.) Lauren Whitehill - Akron - 40.62 meters <b>Men's Lacrosse</b> UMBC - (1-0) Overall - (5-3) Albany - (1-0) Overall - (2-5) Vermont - (1-0) Overall - (2-7) Stony Brook - (0-1) Overall - (4-4) Binghamton - (0-1) Overall - (2-4) Hartford - (0-1) Overall - (0-9) <b>Women's Lacrosse</b> Boston University - (3-0) Overall - (8-2) New Hampshire - (2-0) Overall - (9-2) Vermont - (2-1)	Overall - (5-4) Albany - (1-1) Overall - (6-3) UMBC - (1-3) Overall - (2-8) Stony Brook - (0-1) Overall - (5-3) Binghamton - (0-3) Overall - (3-8) <b>America East Women's Basketball</b> <b>Final Standings</b> Hartford - (14-2) Overall - (28-5) Vermont - (13-3) Overall - (24-8) BU - (11-5) Overall - (20-12) Albany - (10-6) Overall - (13-18) Binghamton - (9-7) Overall - (11-19) UMBC - (5-11) Overall - (9-21) UNH - (4-12) Overall - (7-22) Maine - (4-12) Overall - (7-23) Stony Brook - (2-14)	Overall - (8-23) <b>Baseball</b> Vermont - (5-6) Stony Brook - (7-10) UMBC - (6-10) Maine - (5-11) Binghamton - (5-13) Hartford - (3-10) Albany - (4-17-1) <b>Softball</b> Boston University - (3-0-0) Overall: (14-11) UMBC - (1-0-0) Overall: (11-16) Stony Brook - (1-1-0) Overall: (12-10-1) Maine - (1-1-0) Overall: (1-29-0) Albany - (0-0-0) Overall: (9-9-0) Binghamton - (0-0-0) Overall: (3-15-0) Hartford - (0-1-0) Overall: (11-3-0) Vermont - (0-3-0) Overall: (5-15)
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With Dirk Nowitzki out indefinitely with knee and ankle injuries, the Mavericks will be forced to hang on to their seventh seed in the West without the reigning MVP.

Will the Mavs make the playoffs without Dirk?

**TM:** Between Dallas, Golden State and Denver, someone is finishing ninth in the West and will be enjoying the playoffs from the couch like the rest of us.

The loss of Dirk basically guarantees that it will be the Mavericks left out when the regular season ends on April 16 at home against #2 New Orleans. The Rockets hammered the Mavericks earlier this month in the only game that Dirk didn't play this season.

The Mavs are in control of their own destiny by playing Golden State and Denver a combined three times in their last 12 games but these games will result in heart-breaking losses for them without their team's leading scorer and rebound grabber.

**ZP:** Playing in a Western Conference where one bad week can send a team from first to last, the Mavericks are treading a slippery slope right now without superstar forward Dirk Nowitzki.

With the way Jason Kidd has struggled to fully mesh with the Mavericks' style of play, I don't see the Mavericks making the playoffs if Dirk is out for longer than a couple of weeks.

The Nuggets are currently only a half game behind the 8th place Warriors, and without Dirk, look for both of those clubs to move up while the Mavericks fall out of the hunt.

#### THE SCORE

MARK CUBAN IS WIPING  
HIS TEARS WITH CASH.

TOM O  
ZACH I

# FACE OFF

## TOM MERTZ VS. ZACH PARKER

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY

Led by Stephen Curry, including his monster 40-pt. effort in the first round, Davidson busted many brackets by upsetting Gonzaga followed by toppling mighty Georgetown en route to the sweet sixteen.

Could Curry be the tournament's MVP?

**TM:** Stephen Curry just had the week of his life. Unfortunately for him he is nowhere near the MVP of the NCAA tournament and will miss out on the Final Four.

Winning one game isn't a run, winning two games is just a little bit better. If UVM had knocked off Michigan State in 2005 to go to the Sweet Sixteen would anyone have been talking about T.J. Sorrentine for tournament MVP? Hardly.

To win the MVP requires a trip to the Final Four, and Davidson won't be able to take care of Wisconsin and Kansas without a certain type of miracle that simply doesn't exist (unless you're the 2004 Red Sox). Sorry Stephen, but nice job in the first two rounds.

**ZP:** I knew Stephen Curry was good when this tournament began, but he has managed to wow even his biggest believers with his phenomenal play through the first two rounds.

After picking apart Georgetown, I don't know if there's a team Curry and his assist man Jason Richards can't beat. If Davidson beats Wisconsin to move to the Elite Eight, he definitely deserves the award, and if Davidson makes it further than that, it should be a no-brainer.

I'm hoping for an exciting tournament first, a mid-major tenth seed in the national championship game, and I believe Curry can lead Davidson to just that.

#### THE SCORE

CURRY DESERVES MVP,  
BUT HE WON'T GET IT.

TOM I  
ZACH I



(I-I)

If you caught any of the Sox-A's opening day game in Japan, you might have been as horrified as I was to see ads on the team's batting helmets and jersey sleeves, a custom common overseas on soccer uniforms.

How do you feel about ads on unis?

**TM:** Soccer, boxing and Arena Football are sports where players wear advertisements on themselves during play. Do these sports sound like baseball to you?

What a way to display how scrapped for cash you are; shamelessly sell yourself, never mind the hundreds of years of baseball history without ads.

Ads tell us that we aren't good enough without their product. How long should we listen to money grubbers tell us that?

I know that America has a culture based on advertisements (we love consuming) and baseball is America's pastime but let's separate, the good and bad parts of America.

**ZP:** I think ads on uniforms are the worst thing to happen to the sports world since Barry Bonds.

I understand that advertising on uniforms is common practice overseas, but to have that practice find its way into American sports would be terrible.

Ticket prices to any major sporting event are already obscenely high priced, so why do they need more money from sponsors? The ads ruin the nostalgia and identity associated with classic uniforms.

I can tell you this much, in the ninth inning, I don't want to be cheering for Jonathan (Shop at Circuit City!) Papelbon of the Boston (Preparation H) Red Sox.

#### THE SCORE

BASEBALL SELLING OUT?  
PRICELESS.

TOM I  
ZACH 2

## Women's b-ball falls to Boston College in NIT

By JASON BUSHEY

Sports Editor

The women's basketball season came to an end in the second round of the NIT on Monday, March 24, at the hands of the Boston College Eagles.

Despite a valiant effort by the team, including a 5-of-7 performance by sophomore guard Courtney Pylipaitis from 3-point range, the Catamounts lost by a score of 76-64.

The final score was slightly misleading, as the Cats stuck with one of the ACC's best for much of the contest.

However, after trimming the Eagles' lead to four with just over ten minutes remaining in the game, the Eagles' defense took over, holding UVM scoreless for over eight minutes to build a 14-point lead.

The Catamounts had an especially tough time guarding the three-point line, as BC went 8-of-12 from beyond the arc.

Pylipaitis led all scorers in the game with 21 points. Freshman Tonya Young chipped in 14 points on 4-of-7 shooting from the field.

The loss marked the last game of their careers for two Catamounts, guard Sara Fenton and senior Nicole Trott.

The team finished an impressive 24-9 on the year.

"We've had a great season," said head coach Sharon Dawley. "Certainly we are disappointed it ended, but we've had a great ride."

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# A Catamount knockout

## Bantam Boxing in Winooski provides boxers around the state a place to hone their skills

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

UVM sophomore Stephanie Steeves proved that hard work and dedication truly do pay off, gaining the title of New England boxing champion in the novice division at 132 pounds this past month.

Joining Steeves at the New England championships were two other boxers from her gym, Bantam Boxing in Winooski.

While her fellow fighters and Bantam Boxing members Chad Garfield and Shane Kimber didn't leave Lowell, Mass. victorious, it was a feat just to make it that far.

"I lost to a better boxer," Garfield, the New England novice runner up in the 165 pound division, said.

"I did a lot better than I thought I was going to do."

After losing one of his Golden Gloves fights and finishing as the second runner-up in the Vermont heavyweight division, Kimber traveled to Lowell intending to assist Vermont champions Steeves and Garfield.

However, after the Vermont state heavyweight champ didn't show up for his fight, Lowell officials asked Kimber to step into the ring. Kimber gladly accepted the

challenge.

While he lost by technical knockout in the first round, Kimber became the New England runner-up, and since the fight marked the tenth of his career, he, along with Garfield, will move up into the open division, featuring four rounds of two minutes each rather than three rounds.

Along with Kimber, Steeves faced a bit of a surprise when it was time for her to fight at Lowell, as her opponent in the 132 pound division didn't show up.

Luckily for Steeves, however, one of the 141 pound championship fighters didn't show up either, leaving the 141 pound champ, Sara Cochran, without an opponent.

Steeves then stepped up and defeated Cochran in a special bout, bringing the New England champion's career record to 2-1.

"It feels great, but it definitely took a little bit to sink in," Steeves said.

Following the triumphant trip to Lowell, Steeves will have little time to rest, as she has five fights lined up throughout the spring.

A busy schedule is something Steeves is accustomed to, though, as she is at the Bantam Boxing gym seven days a week, all the while being enrolled in UVM's honors college and taking 17 credits this semester.

"It can be tiring at times, but I love doing this, so it's worth it," Steeves said.

All three of the boxers were grateful to their trainer



(Andre Malerba/ Vermont Cynic)

UVM sophomore Stephanie Steeves, New England champion in the 132 lb. novice division, trains at the Bantam Boxing gym in Winooski.

and founder of the Bantam Boxing Gym, Billy Lefebvre.

"I've been here 18 months and Billy made me a state champ," Garfield said.

With a successful gym and

a pair of New England champions, local fans around the state now have somewhere to look for all of their boxing needs.

## Women's lacrosse drops two in a row

### Cats fall to Harvard, 13-10, and #11 BU, 15-8, for first America East loss of the season

By JASON BUSHEY

Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team lost twice in the past week, including their first conference defeat at the hands of Boston University.

Facing a speedy Harvard attack



(Troy Johnson/ Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore defender Rebecca Banyard (20) battles Harvard's Jess Halpern (6) last Tuesday.

and a fierce wind that made Moulton Winder Field exceptionally chilly, the Cats dropped their matchup against the Crimson on Tuesday, March 25 by a score of 13-10.

"We didn't show up ready to play today," head coach Jen Johnson said after the loss.

"We played well in spurts, but it's hard when you dig a deficit against a good team," Johnson said.

The beginning of the game was a back and forth affair, with each team netting a pair of goals in the opening fifteen minutes.

Harvard's Caroline Simmons started off the scoring with an unassisted goal just four minutes into the game by hurling a shot over the left shoulder of senior goalie Meghan Hanley.

Freshman Rachel Wilson answered for the Catamounts two minutes later, taking a pass from senior Emilie Clark and putting it by Crimson goalie Katherine Martino.

With the score tied 2-2, Harvard pulled away in the final minutes of the second half off, making it 8-4 Harvard at the break.

"We had a decision to make at half-time," Johnson said. "Our kids decided to play in the second half."

The Catamounts came out firing in the opening minutes of the second half after Harvard head coach Lisa Miller made a peculiar decision to replace Martino with Kathryn Tylander in the net during the break.

Vermont capitalized on the goalie change early on.

Freshman Megan MacDonald scored just over a minute into the second half off a pass from junior Kristen Millar.

A minute and a half later, sophomore Alison Haigh scored on a free position shot. MacDonald scored again a minute later on an unassisted goal, pulling the

Cats' within one.

However, that was as close as UVM would get. Harvard's Kaitlin Martin scored with 10:22 remaining to make it 13-8, putting the game basically out of reach, though Haigh and MacDonald would tack on one more goal each to make the final score 13-10.

UVM struggled with capitalizing on free position shots throughout the contest, scoring on just four of twelve opportunities compared to only four attempts by Harvard.

"Overall, we were inconsistent," Johnson said after the loss.

"We need to get our intensity level up in practice and hope it translates to game time."

On Saturday, UVM looked to get off to a quick start against the no.11-ranked Boston University Terriers.

Millar started the scoring early, netting a goal just over a minute into the contest.

From there it was all BU as they ripped off six unanswered goals before MacDonald scored on a free position shot to make it 6-2.

However, BU would end the first half on a 5-0 run to put them up 13-3 at the break.

While UVM outscored the Terriers 5-2 in the second half, the game was never close as BU held on for their fifth straight win, 15-8.

Millar and Haigh led the Catamounts in scoring with a pair of goals each. Millar now leads the team in goals with 24.

Lauren Morton led the Terriers with five goals and Sarah Dalton added four more.

The loss dropped UVM to 2-1 in conference play and 5-4 overall.

The Cats will face off at Dartmouth on Tuesday before returning home to play Albany at home on Saturday, April 5.

## The Looper

Austin Danforth

Senior Staff Writer



### Not quite enough Curry

With my brackets done-zo as of the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament I spent the week trying to figure out what to root for this weekend.

See, rooting for number one seeds is just not that fun.

I like UNC better than I like Duke, who I loathe more than any team save the Yankees, so I didn't have a problem rooting for the Tar Heels.

Tyler Hansbrough is a treat to watch and only bolsters the UNC stock in my books. He plays so hard and well and modestly, it's a throwback.

Hansbrough played great and led his team to the Final Four as I had picked it.

Great!

Then, there's UCLA. I'd really like them more if they went back to the old uniform lettering that featured U-C-L-A in the same colors. This rogue "C" stuff is junk.

At least Western Kentucky had some semblance of order on their jerseys -- as a 12-seed that would be an incredible story even though I didn't foresee it happening. I would have been quite happy had they advanced, but that wish was to no avail.

In spite of their failed attempt to color their letters the same, UCLA is ripe for their play-date in San Antonio this weekend.

I am really not a fan of Memphis, try as John Calipari might to get me and anyone else paying attention to like his squad. So, naturally I rooted for Michigan State, who I don't like at all either. It didn't matter -- Memphis won easily.

Against Texas, who I tabbed for a Final Four run, it was almost the same, lopsided story: Memphis advanced and keeps looking more and more like the only one-loss team in the nation.

Their athleticism and talent is beginning to get on my nerves like that roommate who doesn't study a bit but still gets the 4.0.

With three of the four booked for the national semifinal that left the best game of the weekend: Kansas vs. Stephen Curry (Davidson) for the last ticket to San Antonio.

Flying in the face of my own picks, I was rooting like crazy for Davidson and they were delivering. Curry was knocking down shots in less time and space than I could believe. Davidson, led by Curry the wunderkind, almost got there.

Almost.

In the end there was just too much Kansas and just not enough Curry-fueled heroics to send Davidson along the happy road to the Final Four. It was sad, but at the same time fantastic.

Now I've got something I really can sink my teeth into: we're now faced with an all-one-seed Final Four.

The four best teams all season now get to play for the title as the last four teams standing -- something that I don't think has ever happened before.

I thought it at the start but didn't want to think it would happen, it just seemed too dull.

Now, though, the top four are damn good-looking.

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# [SPEC]TACLE

## SUMMITTING

## THE DAVIS CENTER,

BY BOBBY BRUDERLE

Two fearless UVM sophomores, Donna Party and Christine McCandlis, journeyed to the apex of the infamously grand Davis Center. Through sheer will and determination they crawled through the tunnel, ascended the ungodly three story stairway, and made it to the summit. "They really did it," said the University president. "I didn't think anyone could ever do it. I mean, it's like ... really, really big." Party and McCandlis returned to Redstone Campus to find a parade in their honor circling the green. The parade was unfortunately marred by the sombre state in which the hikers returned. Party suffered from food poisoning from New World Tortilla and McCandlis almost had to retreat after severely stubbing her toe, said rescue officials.



Above: The adventurers size up The Davis Center's peak from their base camp.  
Left: Christine McCandlis responding to drastic changes in altitude.  
Below: Donna Party and Christine McCandlis in a moment of confusion lost in the Atrium.  
Bottom: Donna Party mastering the Atrium stairway a.k.a Suicide Peak.



# UVM drug policy expands to ban Phish posters from residence halls

In a continuing effort to expand UVM's vision as a drug-free institution of academic integrity, the administration is now banning any and all posters of the band Phish from residence halls.

"The University of Vermont is committed to maintaining an academic environment that promotes intellectual curiosity, health, safety and wellbeing," a University official said. "The wild, free-spirited antics of this 'Trey Anastasio' and company work directly against some, if not all of these things."

Any student caught with any Phish CDs or paraphernalia will face appropriate judicial action.



## NEVER BEFORE SEEN PHOTO!



In a recent confrontation with a police officer regarding driving over the speed limit, UVM President Daniel Fogel gave a passionate speech to attempt to dissuade the officer from issuing the \$50 speeding ticket.

"My friend, I thank you for this tremendous opportunity to enrich my knowledge of the complexities and nuances of the legal system of this great state of Vermont that I love so dearly," President Fogel said from behind the wheel of his car.

"It is with tremendous humility that I request that you reconsider issuing this notification of required payment for what you perceive to be a violation of traffic law, for I cannot afford to add more points to my license." The police officer stood blank-faced and confused.

"I feel that your abilities as a public servant could be more efficiently utilized investigating other matters concerning our community, and focusing on actual detriments to our safety and well-being."

After listening to the president speak for nearly 20 minutes, the police officer walked back to her car and wrote out another ticket of twice the initial amount for wasting her time.

President Fogel delivers powerful, carefully worded speech to get out of speeding ticket

# CYNICAL INQUIRY

By Louis Armistead  
Photo Illustrations by Liz Crawford and Josh Lee



Will Kemp contributed to this story.

- freshman Gabe Cohen

"Come get a piece of this face, this body, this beard. All 100 percent man!"

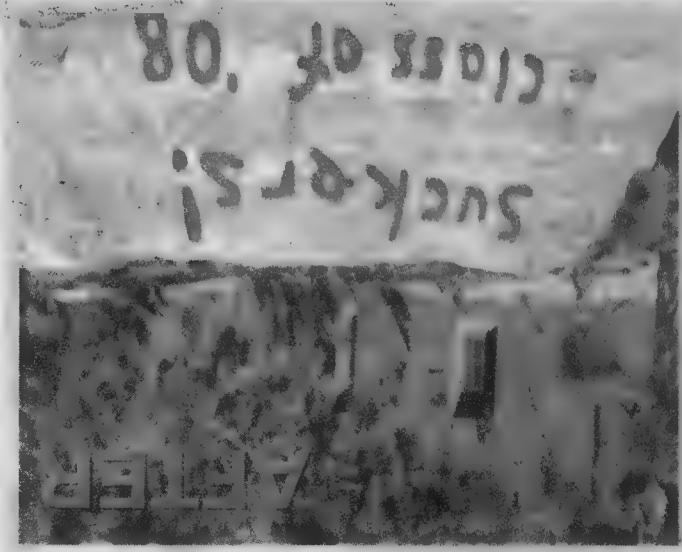
here on out."

should be "smooth sailing from here on out." calls his new "face-nest," it optimistic that with what he low for Cohen, he remains the opposite sex still remain While intimate liaisons with If only I could be so lucky." final test of entering manhood. Gabe Cohen has passed the is no doubt in my mind that absolutely mindblowing. There real. It's all there. And it is fuzzed roommate said. "It's he did it," Cohen's peach- "I just can't figure out how highly noticeable.

at the same time, thick and as nothing to shout about, but Cohen described his beard. All 100 percent man!" and get it. Come get a piece of this face, this body, this beard. "That's right ladies, come beard." "a full fledged man-calling" grown what he is officially freshman Gabe Cohen has of his fellow dorm mates, To the shock and disbelief

legacy than to steal something large and noticeable?" After several meetings in secrecy, members of the class of 2008 have reportedly come to a final decision as to what they will be stealing from campus. Rumors have surfaced that the class has toyed with the idea of taking down the famed Catamount statue outside

Royall Tyler Theatre or simply unhooking a couple of pool tables from the Davis Center. Discussions of the simple act of vandalism and destruction have also come up as a possibility. "The idea is not necessarily to take something from the school, but to leave a sign that we were here."



## Graduating seniors forgo class gift, take something instead



The results of a recent survey issued about the amenities in the Davis Center reveal students' overwhelming demand for more flat-screen TVs at Brennan's Pub. "Overpriced, low-grade, diarrhea-inducing 'food' is something I can live with," sophomore Taylor Bruschetz said. "But I just can't get enough of those sweet TVs all playing the same channel, surrounding me like digital angels. More! More!" The request from students has been to triple the amount of TVs in Brennan's so they're all stacked on the wall in rows of at least three to further confuse patrons as to whether the establishment is a cafeteria or a Best Buy outlet.

## Students demand more TVs at Brennan's Pub

The University of Vermont has changed drastically over the past few years. Campus officials have announced plans to do away with any and all remnants of the University's former free-spirited "Groovy UV" image. Here are some items that the University will discontinue selling to rid themselves of this hippie-dippie, party hard image:

## Things UVM won't sell anymore

grows beard

## Freshman



# Administration attempts to clean up student body

By RONALD MEXICO

Senior Cynic Hygiene Correspondent

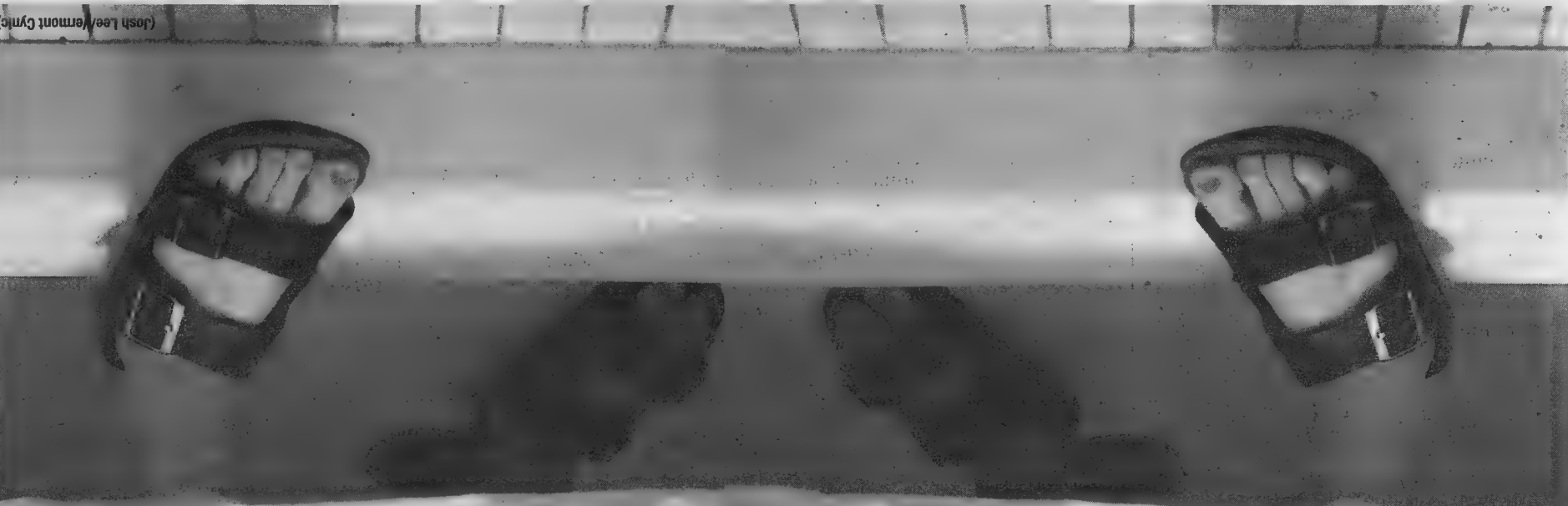
A recent study conducted by Residential Life found that showers in Slade Hall were among the cleanest on campus. "This is misleading though, the cleanliness can be directly attributed to their almost complete lack of use," said the spokeswoman for the Centers for Health and Wellbeing, Margaret Santiago-Stein. In a surprising move, jointly proposed by the office of Residential Life and the Centers for Health and Wellbeing, UVM has decided to crack down on unhygienic students in an attempt to clean up the greater student body.

This was brought to the attention of the administration because of the numerous residents in neighboring Christie, Wright and Patterson complaining about a stench coming from Slade, that Delores McMurphy who lives in Patterson said "[it] smells like a mixture of wet dog, patchouli and rotten tempeh."

The residents of Slade have always been



known for their free-spirited nature and their complete disregard for their personal appearance. But after an extremely muddy spring last year, several chronically shoeless residents were stricken with trench foot, the first outbreak since the First World War. Begonia Festi, former Slade resident, was forced to have her left foot amputated. She has since seen the error of her ways, saying "Yeah it's a total bummer, now it's, you know, really hard to dance to Umpire's McGee." To promote showering, Seamus Rodriguez of Residential Life said, "we have installed each bathroom with locally made, organic, fair-trade, phosphate-free body wash, and also shower radios playing the complete Phish live discography." There has been a noticeable resistance though; protests broke out on the Redstone green and students held signs reading "Fight the Power, We Won't Shower." One activist, Dylan Zimmerman, said, "We won't shower until Tibet is free." The immediate results that the administration had hoped for may not occur because the Slade residents seem content being dirty and free.



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# Cynic A&E editor arrested for conspiracy to commit murder

By ROBERT M DOWNEY

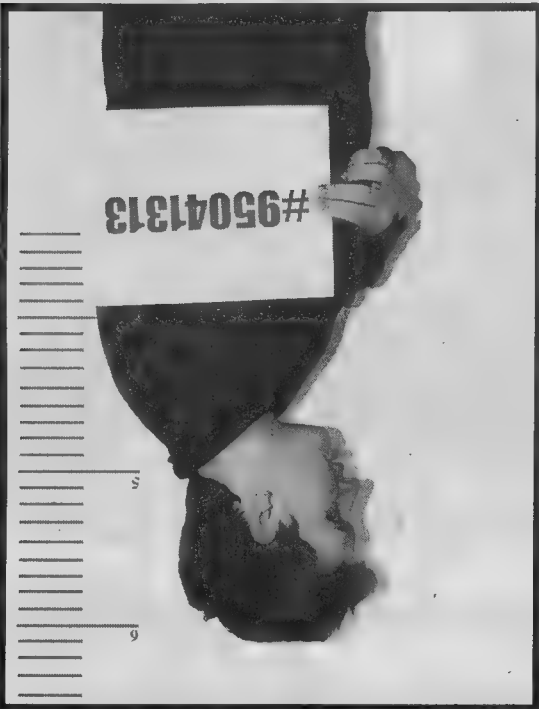
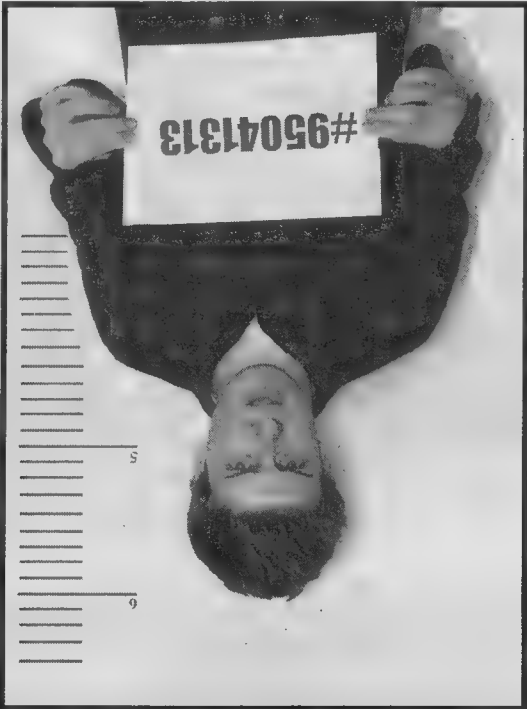
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Robert M. Downey, the Cynic's Arts and Entertainment editor sat in a Chittenden County courtroom yesterday and listened to the State Attorney read out 11 charges against him including conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit mail fraud, mail fraud, one felony charge

for conspiracy to commit a felony with federal property, coercion and trying to bribe a police officer.

"... writing about art, it just wasn't doing it for me anymore. This was about something bigger, about something real ..."

- Robert Downey

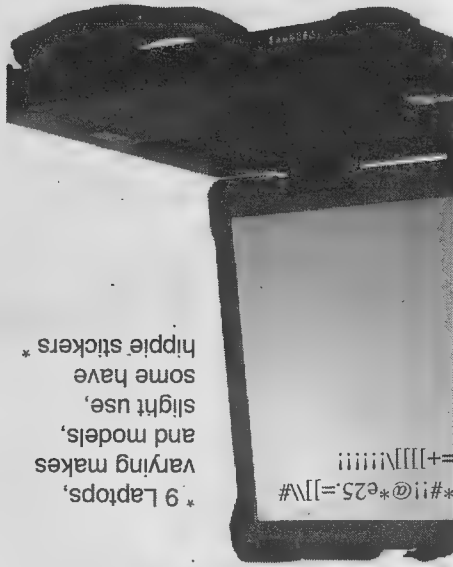


(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

LAPTOPS  
FOR SALE

\* 9 Laptops, varying makes and models, slight use, some have hippie stickers \*

No Questions Asked  
contact HarriM@Pillager@gmail.com



The charges have come from a recent, secret joint partnership of UVM Police and the Water Tower who conducted their own, independent investigation, spurred on by rumors that Downey had plans to commit a murder and then report on it. "I just got so sick of this art and music shit," he said, "I wanted to write about something real, I wanted to cover a murder!" From Downey's brief statements it was impossible to tell if he believed that he would also get away with said murder, although he had been rumored to remark, "if the police can't catch the killer because the killer is me, then the story practically writes itself!"

The trial date is set for

February 29, 2008 and there the prosecution will attempt to prove that Downey, beyond a shadow of a doubt, planned to murder and then write about the murder of Burlington Tax Attorney, community leader and all around funny man, Ira "Darryl" Allen. When police raided his home Wednesday they reportedly found about eight forty-eights, ten mack-tens, eleven mack elevens, and "the [shit] never ended!" said county detective Burt Bacharach who took over the investigation once it became apparent that Downey was planning some kind of Leopold and Lobe stunt. "Look," said Downey on the

steps outside the Chittenden County courthouse, where we exchanged a few words, "all the time, writers have a hand in creating their material. These days, governors of large, powerful mid-Atlantic states will have affairs with prostitutes just to write a book about it. Truman Capote did it and so did Dave Chappelle." "You can't sit around and wait for the news to come to you," he said. "Besides," he added with a wry smile. "It was a slow week, in art ... this is entertainment."



# Diggin' in the crates

This is a collection of the best that erotic lo-fi recordings in recent years has to offer. After leaving the United States in 1993, Candy Lounge set their sights on living wild and free in countries where there is no age of consent or laws against getting it on with your favorite barnyard animal. But now they're back in the United States of Sexy and ready to get wet and slippery!

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**Lonely? Looking for**  
**something to do**  
**around campus?**  
**Come write for**  
***The Cynic***  
**Re-ups of red caps**  
**and fresh articles**  
**every Monday @ 7 in**  
**Lafayette 108**

Tens of UVM's bigot community gathered in front of the Davis Center Friday to protest, according to group leader JimBob Dench, "UVM's discriminatory policies."

"This country has a long and proud tradition of upholding the rights of white, male, Christians to express their views, no matter how controversial, and it's time that this University respect that."

The leaders of the movement are framing the issue as a safety concern. "I don't feel safe walking through campus anymore. Everywhere I go I feel threatened by redheads, Lithuanians and those of mixed Dutch Australian ancestry who for whatever reason don't like my clothing, the way I carry myself or the fact that I am constantly flinging vitriolic messages of hate into their faces," said a member of the protest who wished not to be named.

This comes on the heels of an SGA senate resolution seeking to expel ALANA from campus for their, "consistent intolerance of intolerant views and failure to understand the plight of the enfranchised."

**VERMONT**  
UVM's bigots demand equal rights

**LOCAL**

# INTERNATIONAL

## RUSSIA

**Smirnoff introduces a new drink for pussies**

Wimps, dorks and nerds all over campus are praising the new drink touted as being perfect for "pussies." The drink, which is sweet, clear and low-calorie, is targeted at students whose delicate tummies and unrefined tastes leave them unable to handle real drinks like whiskey and

Said Tom Brodham, a member of the fraternity community here at UVM when asked if he would like a sip, "What are you, a girl?" adding, "bro?" Marketed under the name "Pantyweise," the drink is largely indistinguishable from drinks like Mike's Hard Lemonade, Smirnoff Ice and local favorite Longtrail's Blackbeary Wheat. It is the first, however, to openly market to the pussy crowd.

"Pussies are no longer relegated to the fringes of society. They are making great and progressive strides forward," said Senior Marketing Executive William Spindle, "They deserve a drink that not only serves their tastes, but proudly and loudly speaks directly to them." The drink is marked under the slogan, "Beer? Ew!"

## NATIONAL

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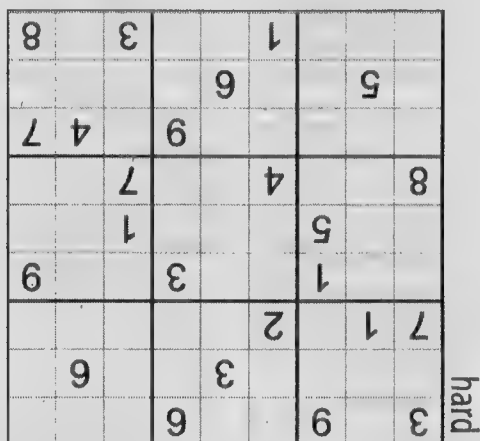
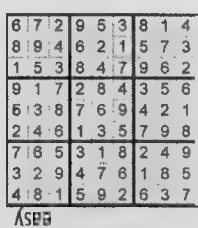
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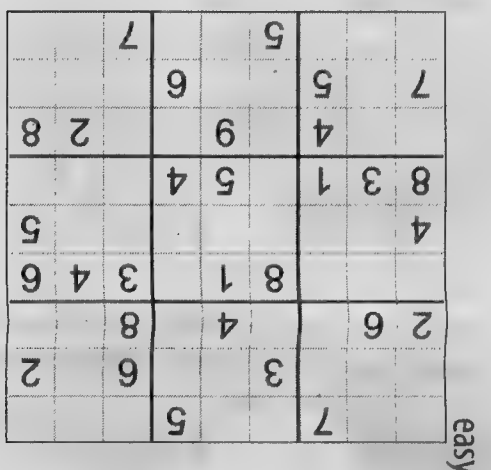
## CYNICAL INQUIRY

 Corey Delaney, Party Liaison	 Samuel L. Jackson	 01' Dirty Bastard	 Daft Punk
Party animal.	These motherf---ing snakes on this motherf---ing plane!	Big Baby Jesus.	Phoenix.
What's the best hangover cure?			
I'm going out tomorrow ... to see my mates and stuff.	Royale with Cheese. Ya know why they call them that?	I get that cocaine, it cleans out my sinuses.	Da Funk.
Favorite article of clothing?			
I'll say sorry, but I'm not taking off my glasses.	AK-47. When you absolutely, positively got to kill every motherf---er in the room. Accept no substitutes.	I went and bought me an outfit today that costed a lot of money today, youknamean?	Robot helmets.
What are your plans for the future?			
I'm having another big party in two weeks.	Hold on to your butts!	Lookin' for new girls to put babies in.	Around The World.





**By John Kroes**



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**DOWN**

1- Ultimate  
2- River which empties into the Baltic Sea  
3- Scene of first miracle  
4- Time during which a machine is operating  
5- Hackneyed  
6- Temperate  
7- Words of understanding  
8- Slip by  
9- First prime minister of India  
10- Switchblade  
11- Traditional knowledge  
12- Toward the mouth  
13- Convert into leather  
22- Commence  
24- AKA  
26- Island near Sicily  
27- Of Nordic stock  
28- Entice  
30- Advanced in years  
31- Goller Calvin  
33- South American tuber  
34- Speak  
35- Actress Christine  
36- Wood nymph  
38- Fall  
39- Like Thor  
41- Latin word which means

ACROSS

1- Place  
6- Demeanor  
10- Type of machine found in Las Vegas  
14- Modify  
15- Wight or Man  
16- Israeli round dance  
17- Actress Berger  
18- Wife of Jacob  
19- Teheran's country  
20- Track  
21- Marked by deprivation  
23- Cry — River  
25- Sky light  
26- Spouse  
29- Easy stride  
32- Was able  
37- 100 square meters  
38- One with a glazed look, perhaps  
39- Drink of the Gods  
40- Swollen nodes  
43- Thin candles  
44- Sharp to the taste  
45- Hellenic H  
46- Cave  
47- Lock openers  
48- Grating  
49- Hot tub  
51- Before  
53- Revitalize  
58- Below; prefix  
62- Old Iranian ruler  
63- Ace, e.g.  
64- Fuel transport  
65- Lab fluids

# Kitchen Cuisine

## Cheap Cuisine with Hayley Johnston

Of all the recipes featured in this column, this one has received the highest praise from all who have encountered it. Its creative construction and its ability to be consumed easily make it a great party food or hangover cure.

**Ingredients:**

- One large jar of Medium Pace Salsa
- One large tomato
- Two tablespoons cinnamon
- One can jalapeños
- One package of twelve tortillas
- Three bananas
- One pound ground beef
- Two tablespoons olive oil
- One small pineapple
- yogurt

First, peel and slice the bananas at a slight diagonal to make slightly larger pieces. Fill a frying pan with the olive oil and heat until slightly simmering.

Place the banana slices in the oil and fry for about thirty seconds, then flip to the other side and fry for another thirty seconds.

Next, place four tortillas in the bottom of a 9x11 baking dish. Remove the banana slices from the frying pan and add the beef. Cook until meat is well done. There should be no pink anywhere in the beef. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 300 degrees.

Mix the beef with the pineapple yogurt and layer the fried banana on top of the tortillas. Place the casseroles into square for easy dipping ability.

Serve and listen to the new twist on Mexican food. To all brave cooking souls, good luck!

## The New and Improved, April Fool's Edition, Mexican Inspired 7-Layer Dip

Few students were shocked to discover a sign posted on the Grundle door Saturday afternoon, expressing that the Harris/Mills dining facility had been shut down by the Vermont Department of Health (VDH). The Grundle has been in violation of health regulations previously, most recently for the infamous chutney gumbo incident. However, the event that took place early on Saturday forced the VDH to take drastic measures in the interest of student health. Andy Moor, a freshman at UVM, who failed to change his meal plan to a points system earlier in the semester, was the student who sounded the alarm. "I needed to know whether or not the mold cultures in the casserole surprise were considered vegan. When I went up to the counter and there wasn't anyone there, I just poked my head into the kitchen for a second ... That's when I saw one of the cooks stuffing a dog into the meat grinder - whole!" Witnesses agreed that had the milk in the Grundle not already been curdled, Moore's scream certainly would have done the job. The VDH was notified immediately, owing to the fact that the agency's number was on the Grundle's speed-dial, right after Poison Control. Pete Tong, 36, was the first health inspector to arrive on the scene. "I've seen some vile, revolting kitchens in my time, but nothing as bad as the Grundle. Most of the inspectors won't even go into the kitchen with suit. The food's no better. Some dogs eat better than this. No pun intended." Tong had hoped that last month, when the Grundle closed.

Senior Staff Writer

BY TERRA-NOVA SADOWSKI

**"The Grundle," shut down, even the Department of Health is shocked**



Josh Top/Vermont (Lyric)

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"After noting that Trinity Campus has a dining facility, is close to an Indian restaurant and is in control of the Geology department building, we have come to the decision that they are no longer worth our effort and will be able to survive on their own," they said.

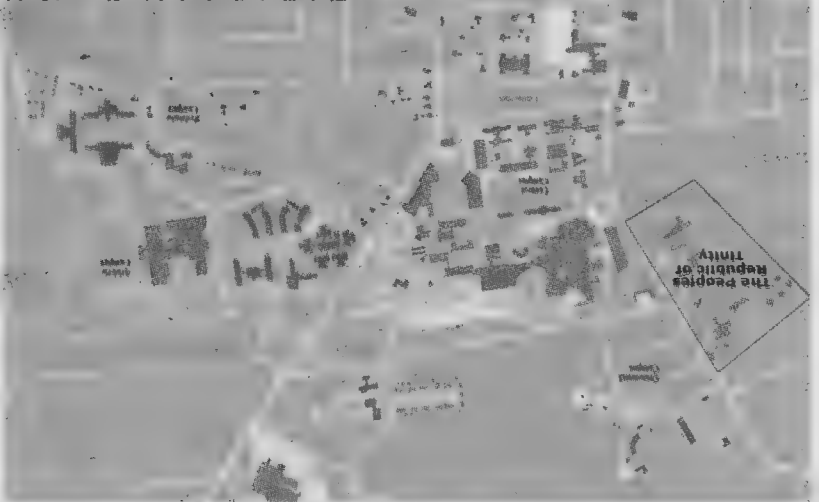
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# Trinity succeeds from UVM

## After years of tumult, Trinity finally manages to leave the UVM union

By ALISON STOUT

Senior Staff Writer

After years of violent threats

secede from the University.

versity in 2004," said Daniel Wil-

pendence Team (TIT) President.

Trinity with us," he said.

exceptional students, including

“Our computer whizzes have

Trinity Campus," he said. "We

He added that the athletes are

of a fighting chance against the

how these Trinity people were

for so long," Sophomore said.

McGee, "I thought we were close.

WE ARE VERY SECRETIVE ABOUT our actions. We force incoming

NO ONE HAS REFUSED YET ... I THINK

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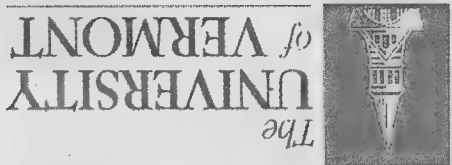
first-year TIT member, explained

# The Grundle: between a rock and a tight place



created by the Cynic Staff

NEW Itemized UVM Tuition: Please check what items you would like to pay for



- ☐ President Fogel's second house
- ☐ Free faulty Durex condoms
- ☐ Messes other people make in your dorm
- ☐ The removal of the "MAP?" graffiti tag
- ☐ Forced triples
- ☐ Dining hall meals
- ☐ Brennan's rubber chickens
- ☐ Buses that are never on time
- ☐ Food for display purposes only
- ☐ Heat and electricity for the basement of Billings
- ☒ The view from Williams' fire escape

in pizza and beer to do the

same work.

"There's not much we

can do," said a Registrar

employee who asked not

to be named. "I mean look,

it was a mistake, but that's

what you get when you out-

source work to chimpan-

zees."

Nearly every student

that signed a withdrawal

form has been tracked

down by the Army. Parents

of the students are learning

about the Registrar's error

and have demanded a state-

ment from the school.

The Army issued the

statement. "We were so

delighted to see so many

young people signing up for

the war that we didn't think

chimpanzees could have

anything to do with it."

According to the Regis-

trar's Office, over one-third

of the student population

has accidentally enlisted.

"It would have been nice

to have known this sooner.

That way, we could have

accepted more students for

the Fall '08," one UVM of-

ficial said.

In the future, it would

be wise for every student

to read what they are sign-

ing before it is too late.

If you, or anyone you

know, has accidentally

enlisted and has not been

found by the Army, remem-

ber, Canada is not too far

from here.

R. Abbit, said. The crisis completely unfolded several weeks ago when an entire platoon was seen marching into the Davis Center. So far, the Army has sought out nearly every student that petitioned to withdraw from a class this semester. "This is like so messed up, man," UVM student Sunshine Summer Wind said. "We need to have like a revolution. I'm wear-

ing tie-dye and voting my opinions at like, Open Mic Night." "Due to recent develop-

ments, the school has been outsourcing much of its work to chimpanzees

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A camouflage Hummer was spotted by eyewitnesses outside of his complex, but the whereabouts of Tracy remain unknown.

"Dick was a good kid, he loved to party but he had a tough time with authority. He told me he withdrew from a history class at the beginning of the term because the professor was 'too much of a control freak,'" Tracy's roommate, Roger

salads. It's no wonder these restaurants are everywhere.

McDonald's manages to fully pamper and indulge every customer with an array of processed meat options and a wide selection of only mostly-wilted

(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

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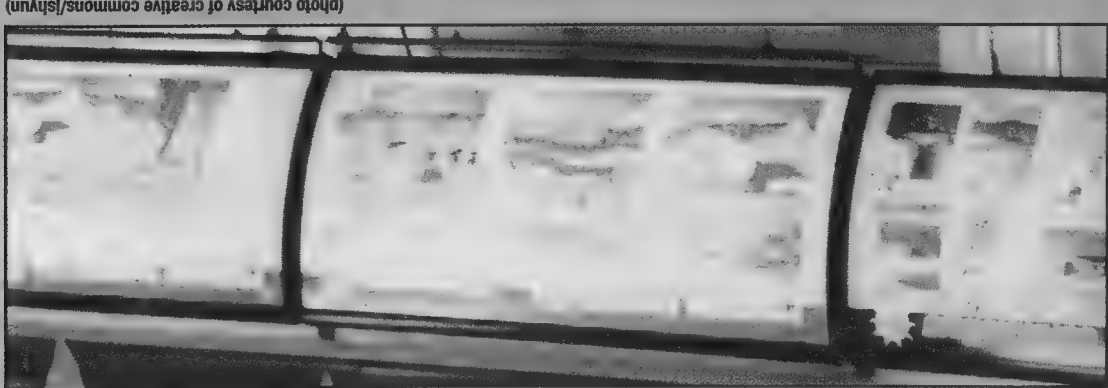
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The lap of luxury:



(photo courtesy of creative commons/shyn)

By HAVILEY JOHNSON

Senior Staff Writer

The brand new McDon-

ald's, located on Williston

Road, is the epitome of luxu-

ry in the Burlington Area.

Upon entering the res-

taurant, the atmosphere is

efficient, yet relaxing. The

highest grade of

linoleum, almost

mistakable for

marble because

the swirling de-

sign is so accurate, lines the

smooth entryway.

The plush couches and

lounge chairs also cater to

any sore or weary bottom.

With the free high-speed

wireless internet, the cus-

tomers does not even have

to leave these comforting

seats.

The goal of this restau-

rant is obviously to pamper

the customer.

Even the bathrooms are

large and open with high,

arching ceilings.

Each stall even has

sound proof doors, promptly

announced to the customer

via an official sticker placed

at different heights on the

door. Thus, customers with

lower or higher eye levels

do not feel discriminated

against.

The customer returns

to face their culinary expe-

rience after this brief mo-

ment of luxury, expecting a

possible decline in the qual-

ity of service. Yet they have

nothing to fear.

One may order immedi-

ately due to the long bank of

cash registers and employ-

ees cheerfully awaiting an

order.

Each employee is

trained to master customer

relaxing. The

service and learns to oper-

ate the cash registers effi-

ciently.

The manager said "we

even make our employees

take a test of speed and ac-

curacy. They cannot be al-

lowed to the floors if they

have not mastered the art of

the cash register, the prized

element of our restaurant."

With the free high-

speed wireless internet,

the customer does not

even have to leave

these comforting seats.

Through these glorious

machines and highly trained

staff, customers may place

their orders efficiently and

delightedly await the glori-

ous feast that is about to ar-

rive at the counter.

The meal options are also

highly varied and unique.

McDonald's will combine

any selection of foods from

their dollar menu, and will

even alter their set "meals"

A local newspaper

voted this bar "better than

Starbucks and with shorter

lines."

Susanah Flynn, a fre-

quent McDonald's customer,

said, "I always come here for

coffee. Even my husband, a

previous Speeder and Earl's

fan, converted once I took

him to McDonald's."

This new McDonald's

is a splendid addition to the

wide range of locally-owned

Burlington restaurants, sur-

passing many of them and

supplying premium corpo-

rate service.

Fredrick Mills, UVM se-

nior, summed up the restau-

rant in a few words, saying

"I have never been to a place

like it."



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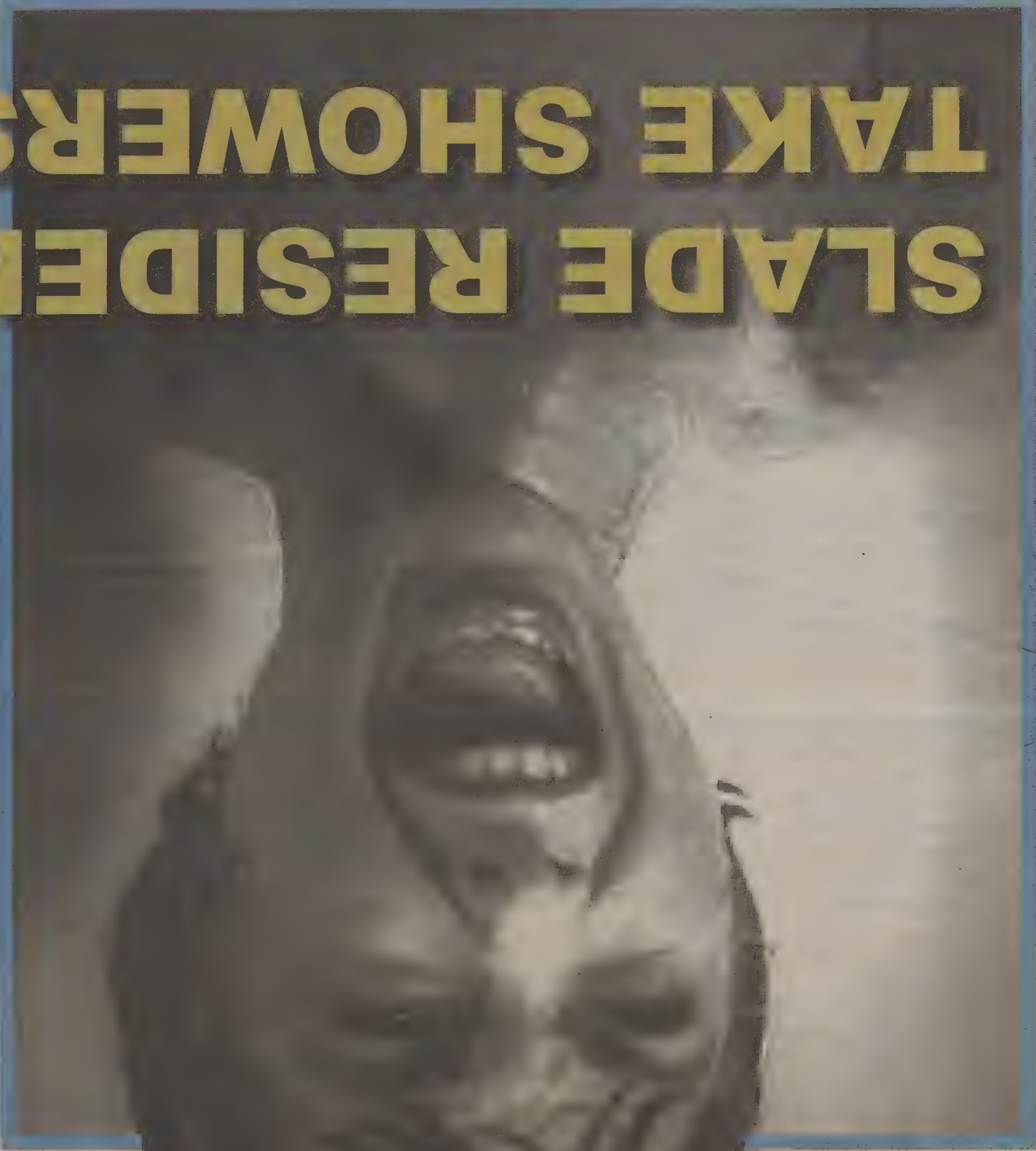
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## NEWS BRIEF

### Yarosh is set to appear in court on Tuesday

**The alleged Trinity campus voyeur is to appear in court again early this week to go over evidence seized from his dorm room in early March**

By SAM RUBINOFF

Staff Writer

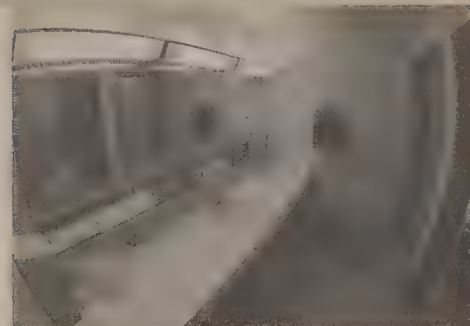
Former UVM freshman Jordan Yarosh, who allegedly placed a hidden camera device in two girls' bathrooms, has been charged in Chittenden District Court with three counts of voyeurism.

Each of these counts has a maximum sentence of no more than two years in prison and fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Yarosh has been released since his late February arraignment on no bail under the agreement that he does not attempt to contact any of his accusers.

Yarosh's next hearing is set for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Chittenden District Courthouse.

At this time, information recovered from the two computers that were seized from his dorm room will be discussed.



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

A bathroom on Trinity campus similar to the one in which Yarosh allegedly filmed female UVM students.

## Rooney trial moved from Burlington to Rutland, Vt.

By DANIELLE DIARBAKERLY

News Editor

While the defense in the Brian Rooney case has struggled to win many hearings, they won one earlier this week.

Brian Rooney, the alleged killer of UVM student Michelle Gardner-Quinn, and his defense team won a hearing this week that asked for the trial to be relocated out of Burlington because of the large amount of media coverage surrounding the case.

Gardner-Quinn, 21, went missing in October of 2006 after allegedly asking Rooney to borrow a cell phone. Her body was found days later by hikers in Richmond.

The trial against Rooney, who has pleaded not guilty to the rape and murder charges, has been moved to the southern Vermont county of Rutland.

Michael Kupersmith, the judge for this case at Chittenden District Court on Cherry Street, made the ruling last week after defense lawyer David Sleight asked for the case's relocation.

"There exists in Chittenden County so great a prejudice against the Defendant that he will not be able to obtain a fair and impartial trial here," Kupersmith said.

"The Court cannot recall a crime that has been reported as intensively or extensively as this one," he said. "The Court concludes that the aggregate effect of the coverage results in prejudice."

Because the case has been so highly publicized by local media such as the *Burlington Free Press* and WCAX, the trial had to be moved to ensure an unbiased jury.

Rooney is currently struggling with the decision of whether or not to fire his lawyer David Sleight in favor of another lawyer.

In a court hearing on Friday, Rooney testified that he has not been



(Courtesy of the Burlington Free Press)

Brian Rooney, the alleged killer of UVM student Michelle Gardner-Quinn, won a hearing requesting the trial to be moved to Rutland, Vt., away from the media coverage in Burlington.

able to get involved with the case and Sleight is not listening to him, according to the *Burlington Free Press*.

Kupersmith has allowed until April 14 for Rooney to make a decision, ac-

cording to the *Burlington Free Press*.

As of now, the trial is set to begin on May 13 at Vermont District Court in Rutland.

## Students return to Tent City, protest for livable wages

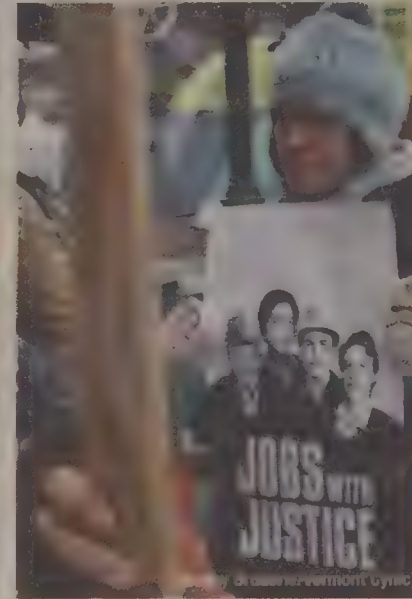
Following last year's SGA resolution in support of free speech on campus and the Tent City demonstration, members of the Student Labor Action Project (S.L.A.P.) advocate for livable wages outside of Royall Tyler Theater. Livable wage is the hourly compensation needed in order to meet a family's basic needs and all applicable taxes, according to the S.L.A.P. Web site.



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(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)



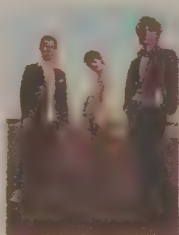
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# The SGA line up: 2008-2009

Scott McCarty '08  
Josh Mangiagli '10  
Marissa Couzens '08  
Helen Weaver '09  
Katy Jones '10  
Aaron Bernstein '10  
Brooke Morrison '10  
Kelsey Paquette '09  
Rick Valenta '09  
Harry Mallory '09  
Ben Porter '09  
Emma Grady '08  
Matt McLaughlin '09  
Jesse Bragg '08  
Julie Desrochers '10  
Nick Carter '08

## OUTGOING SENATORS

Seth Cortthell '09  
Kevin Iasadore '10  
Julia Michel '11  
Mandy Frank '09  
Chris Shackett '10  
Eddy Foster '10  
Vasilis Varsokopoulos '10  
Tyler Van Backer '11  
Megan Benay '10  
Emma Kennedy '09  
Thomas Ford-Hutchinson '10  
Ana Dru Ellis '11  
Lauren Abda '09  
Mackenzie Leonard '09  
Drew Sander '09  
Kofi Mensah '11  
Ryan Krodal '09  
Steale Taylor '10  
Bryce Jones '11  
Alex Mallee '11  
Kate Ash '10

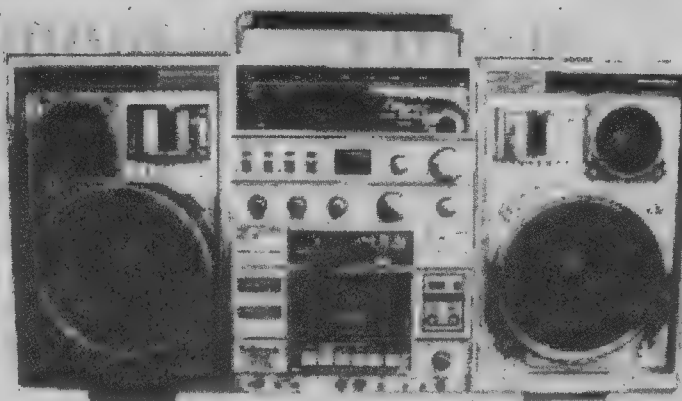
## RETURNING SENATORS

Kae Crowley '09  
Pat Aldrich '11  
Seth Weiland '11  
Jeff Whitmore '10  
Nick Carafelli '10  
David Maciewicz '10  
Bob Just '10  
Emily Walsh '11  
Jessica Myers '09  
Matt Goodman '10  
Lynette Barnett '09

## INCOMING SENATORS



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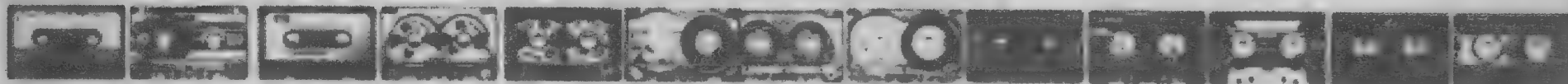


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**WINNER OF THE BATTLE GETS TO PLAY SPRING FEST!**



# UVM doc still on paid leave

By PATRICK LECLAIR  
Cynic Correspondent

The trial of UVM faculty member and Fletcher Allen practitioner Joseph Abate is proceeding slowly almost a year after the first complaint of inappropriate conduct was filed against him.

Abate is being charged with eight counts of sexual assault and six counts of lewd and lascivious conduct after nine female patients came forward last year, claiming that Abate had touched them inappropriately during orthopedic medical examinations.

The investigation began on May 1, 2007, when Detective Edward Soyachak interviewed a 22-year-old female patient identified in the affidavit as "A.R."

The affidavit details how during a knee exam, Abate allegedly "put his fingers in A.R.'s vagina" and sent A.R. "concerning" e-mails after the incident.

On June 4, Soyachak met with Abate to discuss the incidents reported by A.R. and subsequently took Abate into custody. Abate was arraigned in court and released on \$10,000 bail the following day.

After the news of Abate's arraignment, eight more women came forward, ranging in age from 18 to 27. All had experienced similarly inappropriate behavior on the part of Abate during exams.

The nine affidavits detail how Abate would regularly schedule appointments after regular hours and in irregu-

lar facilities, such as his University office or a laboratory on campus.

The affidavit reports that victim called A.R. said "Abate wasn't wearing gloves" and "never made any statements to her about why he was touching her vaginal area."

"It is a little suspicious," said UVM sophomore Abbey Hoffman, "and kind of offensive that he thinks these women are so ignorant that they would not realize something was up."

Despite the allegedly inappropriate conduct of Abate,

**"I think if it was only one woman, the case could be viewed as weak, but with nine women and nine instances, I don't think it is weak at all."**

-Abbey Hoffman, sophomore

the prosecution has struggled to secure orthopedic experts who will actively take issue with his conduct, for a variety of reasons.

The lack of medical experts willing to testify against Abate has recently delayed the proceedings. "I can't find many practicing orthopedic surgeons who want to do this," prosecutor Cindy Maguire told Judge Linda Levitt in

early February.

On February 11, Maguire motioned for an extension in order to find expert testimony and the motion was granted by the judge.

Levitt awarded the prosecution 60 days to procure the aforementioned testimony.

Eric Miller, Abate's attorney, objected to the extension claiming that the case against Abate had "crumbled" due to the case being "weak" and has maintained that Abate's examination procedures were standard procedure.

"I think if it was only one woman, the case could be viewed as weak," said Hoffman, "but with nine women and nine instances, I don't think it is weak at all."

Despite the lack of expert testimony in court, the police affidavits detail multiple interviews with multiple OBGYN and orthopedic surgeons, while many could cite potential reasons for vaginal examination during an orthopedic medical appointment, none could find possible medical support for Abate's actions.

James Cahill, a Board Certified OBGYN serving on the Vermont Medical Board was cited in the affidavit as calling Abate's exam behavior "way out of line."

Joseph Abate is currently on paid leave from his job as an orthopedic surgeon at Fletcher Allen's Colchester campus, his teaching position at UVM and his work as an orthopedic consultant for UVM and St. Michael's sports teams.

## NEWS SUMMARY

### INTERNATIONAL

#### IRAQ

##### Defamation lawsuit rejected

Christian Iraqis are facing persecution by Sunni Muslims are being forced from their homeland.

"Armed Sunnis" invaded on Christian families home yelling "damned Christians" and beating their children and destroying Christian memorabilia.

A Christian mother was shot and killed in front of her children and the father was kidnapped.

The children fled to Damascus and found refuge at the German embassy. Churches and the embassy are working hard for Germany to be lenient in allowing asylum in the nation.

#### CHINA

##### Single mothers face more challenges than in US

Single mothers in China are facing many obstacles for their most likely unplanned pregnancies.

Mothers face discrimination on a daily basis and are not even permitted to allow their children to attend school without a father.

One mother was going to get an abortion, which is legal and accepted, in China — a country with strict population control — however, she could not afford the medical fees, so had to have the child.

Women are forced into marrying men that they would not typically marry for the sake of their children. One woman admitted that her husband was abusive.

Because of the culture, laws and social norms in China, single mothers must overcome far more challenges than a typical single mother in the US.

#### KENYA

##### Kenya awaits rebuild

After the December elections in Kenya were disputed, many fled the area due to riots and upheaval, however, thousands of children were left behind in orphanages and nearly 300,000 people have been living in tents.

While politicians are still working out positions and business, people are living in tents and the government has taken little action to resolve these issues.

Millions of dollars have been donated to fund the rebuilding, but with the rain in full season, Kenyans are worried when the government will rebuild their homes.

*All information collected from The New York Times, Der Spiegel and the Burlington Free Press*

# Greeks to host annual relay to raise money for cancer

By GINA PULS  
Cynic Correspondent

Relay for Life only started last year at UVM, but with over \$64,000 raised and 374 participants, it was named the Top New Youth Relay in New England in 2007.

This year, with 570 participants and 41 teams already signed up as of April 2, Relay for Life hopes to raise over \$75,000.

Co-chairs Ian Prieto and Mackenzie Leonard, said they hope to have over 600 par-

ticipants and 50 teams at this year's event.

Relay for Life is a national event that takes place annually to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life participants raise money prior to the event and then gather for an overnight celebration of cancer survivors and also to remember those lost to cancer.

Participants can raise money in whatever way they want, although many of them find that their friends and family are willing to donate to such a

good cause.

All of the participants' fundraising efforts go to the American Cancer Society for education, advocacy and support among other purposes.

At the event, teams of eight to 15 people seek to have one person on the track at all times throughout the night.

Elyse Gambardella started Relay for Life here at UVM just last year. It quickly gained momentum with Greek life as its sponsor.

Leonard said last year's efforts were "phenomenal."

Currently about half of the committees involved in Relay for Life at UVM are Greek while the other half are non-Greek, Leonard said.

Prieto and Leonard emphasize that Relay for Life is open to everyone who is interested.

Leonard and Prieto both said that the luminaria ceremony is the most moving part of the event.

Prior to the evening's events, those wishing to commemorate a survivor or a loved one lost to cancer are able to decorate a bag in their

name for a five dollar donation, Leonard said.

During the luminaria ceremony, the bags are displayed around the track with candles inside as a way to honor cancer victims.

This year's event is being held from 6 p.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Saturday on the Athletic Campus green.

There will be themed games such as the Ovarian Egg Hunt, Breast Bingo and Protect Your Balls Four Square. There will also be dancers and a TopCats performance.

# Protestors gather against Chinese presence in Tibet

A young girl, Tenzin Yangdon, joins protestors in downtown Burlington voicing their opinions on the current state of Chinese relations with Tibet. The Vermont Tibetan community will march from Burlington to Montpelier April 12 to 14 to raise awareness of human rights violations in Tibet.



(Andrea Mierla/Vermont Cynic)

## Committed to the Facts

In the April 1 issue, the article "Kweli, Dr. Dog to perform at SA Concert's Springfest" stated that tickets are available at the UVM Athletics Office and Pure Pop. Tickets are actually available at the Davis Center.

## NEWS SUMMARY

### NATIONAL

#### MASSACHUSETTS

##### Universal health insurance requirement in Mass. causes unintended problems

Since Massachusetts adopted a new requirement last year requiring all residents to have health insurance, unintended consequences and problems have arisen.

Many patients are seeking primary care doctors, however doctors are booking up and it appears that there are not enough doctors available to see so many new patients who, prior to this new law were unable to see a physician.

Since the law was passed, 340,000 Massachusetts residents now have a health care plan.

"It's a recipe for disaster," Dr. Patricia Sereno, state president of the American Academy of Family Physicians, said.

"It's great that people have access to health care, but now we've got to find a way to give them access to preventive services. The point of this legislation was not to get people episodic care."

Primary care doctors earn less than specialist and with high debt accrued by medical students doctors are less likely to become a primary care physician than a specialist.

#### WASHINGTON

##### John Hopkins University instructed computers to ignore "abortion" in searches

On Friday, John Hopkins announced that they had instructed their computers to ignore the word "abortion" in their searches as well as instructed their employees to ignore the word as well.

John Hopkins' database on reproductive health is the largest in the world.

After the problem was brought to the attention of the university by librarians at the University of California medical school. The librarians were told that "abortion" was no longer a valid search word.

A manager for the search suggested using a phrases like "pregnancy, unwanted".

"We sent this out on a listserv and it just exploded," Gail Sorrough, director of medical library searches at the University of California said.

Eliminating this term essentially blocks access to reports in the database and ultimately to information about abortion. Unwanted pregnancy is not a synonym for abortion.

The term has been ignored since February.

#### UNITED STATES

##### Clintons Release Tax Info

After leaving the White House with little money, Senator and democratic presidential nominee Hilary Clinton and former President Bill Clinton released their tax documents which show that since leaving the White House nearly eight years ago, the couple has made \$109 million.

Other presidential nominees including Clinton's opponent, Barack Obama, have released their tax results. However no one except for Clinton has yet to release their 2007 tax results.

The majority of the Clinton income has come from speeches and books in the past couple of years.

"Now don't get me wrong, I have absolutely nothing against rich people," she said. "As a matter of fact, my husband, much to my surprise and his, has made a lot of money since he left the White House, by doing what he loves doing most — talking to people. But we didn't ask for George Bush's tax cuts. We didn't want them, and we didn't need them."

#### VERMONT

##### Wal-Mart soon to be built in St. Albans after long battle

Wal-Mart has finally been granted Act 250 Permit to allow the building of a Wal-Mart in downtown St. Albans.

Act 250 is a Vermont law that created strict zoning regulation in order to preserve the character of Vermont.

Many citizens have become angered by the permit allowance.

On the NW Citizens for Socially Responsible Growth, their headline states: "In pursuit of cheaper stuff, Vermonters need to be especially careful not to overload their winding roads and covered bridges, not to ruin their green rolling landscapes and not to empty out their small historic downtowns. More than a quarter of the state's income comes from tourism and nobody's going to mail home a postcard of Wal-Mart."

Construction for the first Wal-Mart in Franklin County will begin immediately.

This will be the fifth Wal-Mart in Vermont and will be slightly larger than the one in Williston.

#### VERMONT

##### Chittenden Bank to downsize within a month

Chittenden Bank, which is owned by the Connecticut corporation, People's United Financial, Inc. will close five branches and lay off 37 employees across Vermont, including the Bank St. branch in Burlington.

People's United Financial will eliminate 420 jobs in total.

The Vermont branches will close within the next month.

In addition to Burlington, Brattleboro, Bennington, West Dover and Arlington will all lose a Chittenden Bank branch.

Laid off employees will receive a severance package and were given one month's notice on Wednesday.

## Rare owl spotted in Burlington



(Thomas Ford Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

A Great Grey owl seen at Summit St. in Burlington on Tuesday, March 25. According The Vermont Center for Ecotudies, only eight Great Grey Owls have been confirmed in Vermont previous to this one, three of which appeared during the winter of 1984.

## CatAlert to make UVM safer

By LIZZY MAZER

Cynic Correspondent

It's been almost a year since the fatal school shooting when 32 students were killed and dozens more were injured by a student shooter on Virginia Tech's campus.

Campuses across the nation have decided to implement emergency notification systems due to this tragedy.

UVM has created an emergency alert system known as CatAlert in the event that a similar emergency like that would happen.

CatAlert's goal is to help keep UVM as informed and safe as possible during emergency situations, according to the UVM CatAlert Web site.

"CatAlert was implemented so that UVM could communicate through a number of methods/means in the event of an emergency," Gary Margolis, chief of police, said.

"I was the project manager and worked closely with David Todd, UVM chief information officer, and his staff to identify vendors, negotiate the contract and manage the installation."

Annie Stevens, co-chair of the Emergency Operations Group worked with Margolis, Todd and other University members to decide the most effective security system to be implemented on UVM's

campus.

"The Emergency Operations Group for the campus began researching immediate notification systems last spring - with much student involvement," Stevens said.

Stevens was involved in presenting different security systems to the emergency operations group to see how they would best reach out to students and other members of campus and from this CatAlert was created.

Santina Leporati, a senior at UVM heard about CatAlert from a teacher in one of her classes and registered her information when she received the CatAlert e-mail, she said.

"You can go online and register your information on the database so that when something happens you get the alert, Leporati said. "You can decide if you want it by e-mail, text message or phone."

An email was sent out campus-wide requesting all University members including students, faculty and staff to register their information on the Web site.

UVM sophomore Tori Gwin lives in the Wing/Davis/Wilks complex and has not yet heard of CatAlert. "I usually delete e-mails if I don't think they are important so if we received this by e-mail I must have deleted it," Gwin said.

On the Web site you will

find instructions for adding and maintaining your emergency contact information in order to receive the CatAlert emergency notification.

This contact information will only be used in emergency situations in which timely notification is critical, according to the CatAlert Web site.

"I think this seems like a effective way to alert the campus in case of an emergency like Virginia Tech," Leporati said.

"I remember watching the news on the day of the Virginia Tech tragedy and thought how easy it would be for something like that to happen on our campus and how there was no way for us to be notified if it did" she said.

"I hope there's never a reason for them to have to execute the system but it's good to know it's there as a resource," Ashley Fowler, resident advisor and senior at UVM said.

The most important thing with this is that if something does happen on campus it will reduce chaos and we will know what to do immediately, she said.

So far, the tests that have been implemented seem to indicate that the system will be effective. There is still a need to get more people signed up and get the word out about the service, Stevens said.

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## The Springfests of yore

One part of UVM's spring awakening ritual is the annual Springfest celebration, a large outdoor concert that is free for students and features several big name headlining acts and takes up an entire Saturday with music, sunshine and the great outdoors.

Campus is actively anticipating the beautiful spring weather (hopefully) and the eclectic, but entertaining lineup. Everything is there except for one thing: it's not free anymore.

And although the stage is set for a musical celebration of the warm weather, the newly attached price tag is dampening the event's reputation.

No one wants to sound like a whining freeloader, and we are aware that \$10 is a steal, but this is part of an alarming trend here at UVM. The students sometimes are forgotten.

College is about education, learning and development. But UVM has carved itself a unique niche in creating an environment that is healthy and competitive academically, but also fosters a healthy and vibrant social scene. Everyone leaves this place with positive memories.

With so much creative drive, the University has done many good things for student organizations that push the University into the future, but the much-needed support has fallen short exactly when the students need it most. And this failed support threatens the culture here that many of us have fallen in love with.

SA Concerts brought us three concerts last semester and as a result they couldn't get enough money together to give us a free show. Is that their fault?

Partly so, but college is about learning in a safe environment. An environment where we have real world experience, but the institution we attend can also give us a helping hand when we make mistakes.

Couldn't someone have bailed them out? We pay a lot of money to attend this University and we work hard. As a result we deserve to have a little fun sometimes.

There are an incredible amount of dedicated student organizations that are trying to bring a service to the student body and it's hard to believe that when they fall short of their goals it wasn't because they weren't trying their hardest.

The administration and the SGA need to remember that while we as a University look to the future, the good things we currently have should not be forgotten.

This University has one thing many others don't, a distinct and attractive personality. It's just as important to maintain this quality as it is to build for the future.

## Bush's hard lesson in reality

Have you seen the video? On March 30, President George W. Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Washington Nationals' home opener. Instead of being showering of applause, the president was met with loud, angry booing.

In some ways it was painful. Very few of us really enjoy seeing another person humiliated — even when it might be deserved.

There may be a sense of justice we find in a villain getting his or her day, but it is an event that few people, even if they gawk at the spectacle, truly find pleasure in witnessing.

There is no doubt that he deserves this treatment, worse even, but the pained expression on his face revealed something we often forget about our president — despite all of his evils, he remains a human being.

And this was probably a revelation for Bush as well.

For a man whose speeches take place by-and-large before carefully selected audiences, who admittedly don't read newspapers, and who rarely even acknowledges the realities of the world, this is a hard and sudden break from the environment he has created for himself.

This digression comes no harder than in the face of tens of thousands of angry baseball fans.

Baseball is America's past-time right? Shouldn't a game, in Washington, D.C. no less, be the place where the candidate whom we would "most want to have a beer with" should be welcomed?

But this was the moment where that dismal approval rating became something more than a number or an abstract idea.

It became a voice that articulated the feeling of this nation towards its leader better than any yet, and it did so in a single word.

And that word was "boo!"



## COLUMNIST



JULIA GABRIEL MICHEL

## Fishing for approval

I have to admit I was eavesdropping.

It was in the Marché and a group of girls were sitting in a circle picking at their salads with very little dressing. The topic of the day, probably also the topic of the past few days and most certainly the topic of the next few, was the impending warm weather.

In case you didn't know, warm weather means playing outside, skipping class for a snooze on the green and the possible—maybe?—suntan.

Warm weather also means shorts. Shorts mean showing skin. And with every additional inch of skin shown means a thousand more body insecurities for these four girls.

As the girls went around their dinner circle complaining about each and every part of their body, a thought hit me. They were putting themselves down just to hear their friends bring them back up.

I wanted to scream. "So you think you're pretty? So you think you're skinny? So you think you're funny?"

Or do you just want other people to tell you that you are pretty, skinny and funny?

Listening to their conversation, I could literally see each girl stringing a minnow onto a large hook, casting a long fishing line deep into the lake and reeling in expectantly. But it didn't look like the fish were hungry, or if they were, they certainly weren't biting.

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flaws and among close friends, we tend to publicize these feelings of inadequacy.

But if we know that we're pretty, skinny and funny—obviously, the three most important characteristics in a person—then why do we insist on hearing it from others? What makes us feel like we have to prompt compliments, that they won't just come on their own? And how bad do we feel when we realize that our fishing is so obvious?

Because there's something very different about looking in the mirror alone and thinking, "Alright, I look presentable and maybe even a little attractive," and having a friend or member of the opposite sex checking you out and muttering "Dayuummmm" under his or her breath.

There's no doubt that these feelings go way deeper than the cellulite mentioned by one of the girls at the Marché. I wonder if this is a symptom of a larger cultural issue, one where feelings of inadequacy, self-questioning and helplessness seem to typify our generation's attitudes towards ourselves.

Regardless, these feelings don't just plague the body-conscious, superficial or stupid. In fact, they seem to affect all people despite their weight, eye color or intelligence.

Maybe the best way to brush off these feelings — emotions that generally don't serve any positive function — is through humor. A little joke and a crack at self-deprecation can go a long way. Then eventually, our generation will blossom into confident, successful and powerful people that don't need the constant verbal shoulder-slapping.

In the meantime, let's just vow to hand compliments out like candy on Halloween — you get it regardless of how or if you ask. Hopefully it will start with those girls from the Marché.

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## DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"This is an area we've got more work to do to convince the Russian side that the system is not aimed at Russia."**

— President Bush on missiles

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TOM MERTZ

## Unlivable demands

Tent City is back and so are the cries for a "livable wage" for the workers at UVM. The city is located right in front of Royal Tyler Theater and I am forced to note that the Waterman sit-in/hunger strike was better.

There was a much bigger sign last time and motorists with no UVM affiliation are more likely to take notice of students at the old spot than at the new one. The hunger strike even made the WCAX news (our local CBS affiliate). It was fairly well done and got the message out, unlike the current demonstration.

The location and lack of hunger striking are not the only problems with the current demonstration.

The main problem is that although the students are fighting what they believe to be injustice, it is not an injustice worth fighting over. It's almost not an injustice worth writing about but I'm doing it anyway.

Of all the injustices in the world what is so drastic about this one? There is no reason to protest over Americans with full time jobs. They are among the luckiest people on Earth; most of them have cars and even toys.

The 2007 Joint Fiscal Office report Revised March 31, 2007 lists the "livable wage" for a single person living on their own in Burlington as \$13.94 an hour. That's a big number. Sounds like there is going to be a lot more deaths in the world since there are billions of people who don't make that but are somehow still living.

This is a totally erroneous number and grabs much more energy from UVM's students than it should. A single person can live on their own in Burlington for less than that (myself and many of my friends have done it).

Burlington is a great place to live cheaply because you don't need a car. Workers who have cars can also live in the surrounding areas for real cheap. Leases in Winooski are about half the price of Burlington.

\$13.94 an hour is border line insanity. How can we explain the phenomenon of people who work for less than that but are still able to remain alive? I guess the term "livable" should not be taken literally. I suppose we could say that they live in poverty but working for \$12 an hour is a far cry for poverty.

Most of the consumer products we buy in stores are made by people, in other countries, that work for a lot less than that. How about a campaign to stop American consumption of products from companies that really exploit their workers?

I want to fight injustice in the world too. I realize we live in a greed based economic system where ambition really means greed and success means you get a big paycheck. We don't promote happiness and equality as important and we should.

But let's be realistic, this is America. We have heart surgery for dogs here and there are people in the world who have never heard of medicine and never will. Wouldn't a place like that be better for taking a stance on social justice?

I don't admire the UVM administration either and admit that they are greedy. They run their college like a business and seem to love busting kids for breaking stupid rules.

I can't join the Tent City kids on this one though; if the workers were making \$5 per day, than I'd think about getting on board.

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JEREMY SPIRO-WINN

## Don't be a hippie

When advocating a cause, it can be difficult to disentangle your emotions about the subject from your rational justifications for the position.

And while your position on a given subject may be intimately tied into the culture that you come from and represent, it may be necessary to work within an existing framework of standards in order to effect change.

If you are truly passionate about something, you will certainly be willing to temporarily relinquish your cultural ties or reach out to those from different backgrounds in order to see that thing succeed.

As the age old adage says, "you've got to pick your battles." You can't possibly change the whole world to your liking and those who try to do so can be, well, annoying.

And while the states of corporate America, the mainstream media and environmentalism are all very serious, universal issues, they are often no-longer taken seriously because they are all causes that have been taken up by these well-intentioned but clueless people.

**If you wish to take up a cause, do so because something in your life compels you to feel passionately about something, not because it is popular or chic in whatever circles you may roll.**

I'm talking about hippies. To be fair, I am using this term fairly narrowly. I am not defining hippies by their hairstyle, dress or the bands they listen to, but by the causes they take up and their reasons for supporting those causes.

To those of you who belong to this group: the phrase "it's corporate American bull\*\*\*\* man!" does not push your movement forward - neither does parroting arguments that are either unoriginal or that you don't understand.

If you wish to take up a cause, do so because something in your life compels you to feel passionately about something, not because it is popular or chic in whatever circles you may roll.

Do so because you have seen an ill in the world that can be rationally solved, not because you get a high off of championing a cause.

If your ideals are so-formulated you will relish in defending and reforming them and will not shrink from a battle of ideas when it presents itself.

And most importantly, you will be able to win your

arguments.

If not, your ideas will become associated with laziness, ignorance and stupidity. They will cease to be things to which people apply serious thought, and instead become hollow, worn-out phrases.

Don't be a hippie.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Students Against War blackout

As a member of Students Against War, I wonder what we've done to offend the staff of the *Cynic*.

For the past year, there has been a near blackout of news about one of the most active groups on campus.

While every issue features coverage of which clubs have been recognized by SGA, there was not a mention when we became recognized after five years.

When we were the first club to use the Davis Center Oval for the Eyes Wide Open Exhibit, it was implied that we had done it while on break and you managed to get our club name wrong.

We held an event that brought 300 people to the Davis Center and featured testimony that was entered into the Congressional Archive but that was

deemed too insignificant for you to cover.

A UVM student addresses 200 plus at an anti-war rally downtown but you fail to notice.

Finally, you'll print letters from anyone designed to infuriate your readership but the letters repeatedly sent by SAW members to highlight what we've accomplished and you've ignored are pushed aside.

I'm sure that your breathless following of SGA leaves little time to cover anything else (maybe you're catering to the whopping 3 percent of the student body who cared enough to vote the first day of the SGA elections) but really, would it kill you to spread your coverage to other groups and actually get the club's name right?

Respectfully,  
Julie Villar  
Students Against War

### Come help Obama

The flowers are blooming in PA - as is the Obama campaign!

It seems that an Obama victory in Pa. may be a real possibility, if volunteers can continue to energize the get-out-the-vote efforts.

Are you available to help during one of the remaining 2 weekends (April 12-13 or April 19-20)?

I just returned from a quick 3-day trip to northeastern Pennsylvania - and I helped out in the Luzerne County Obama office in Wilkes-Barre.

They have a large and well-equipped office and they are very organized and everyone in the office was extremely helpful and friendly.

They need our help!  
They've been on location

for weeks and they are ready to facilitate volunteer housing in local homes if needed.

Student volunteers will be housed with Kings College or Wilkes College students (free). There are also suitable motel rooms available for about \$18/person!

All we need to do is show up!! They will put us to work right away and you'll feel like you are performing important campaign jobs!

If you can help out in northeastern Pennsylvania, send me an email: Damian.Sedney@gmail.com or call Damian or Tina at (802)-899-2275. We have a five - seven passenger vehicle. Our smaller car gets about 40/mpg!

We can keep costs low for everyone. To be able to utilize local housing, we need to make arrangements soon!

Please contact me and we'll plan to travel to northeastern Pa. to help during one of the three remaining

weekends! We'll travel from Burlington south on Hwy 7 to Vergennes. Then we'll head south on Hwy 22A to Fair Haven, then to I-87 south.

We can make stops along the way, including UVM and Middlebury if needed. Call or e-mail with questions! Damian Sedney and Tina Sedney - Underhill.

There may be folks from the eastern side of Vermont organizing similar efforts in the Connecticut River valley region too. Please contact Jamie Hess in White River Junction if you are from eastern Vermont. Jamie's contact info: (802) 649-3939 office, (508) 364-7522 cell, jamie@nordics-kater.com.

Respectfully,  
Damien and Tina Sedney  
Underhill, Vt.

## Love Satan? We'd like to know why.

Email the opinion editor at VCoped@uvm.edu

(traditional letters to the editor also grudgingly accepted)

## This Week

Tuesday, April 8 - Monday, April 14

### TUESDAY, April 8

#### Baseball

@ Siena  
Loudonville, N.Y., 2 p.m.

#### Men's Lacrosse

@ Marist  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 3 p.m.

#### Women's Lacrosse

@ Siena  
Loudonville, N.Y., 4 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, April 9

#### Softball

@ Albany  
Albany, N.Y., 2 p.m.

#### Women's Lacrosse

vs. UNH  
Moulton Winder Field, 3 p.m.

### SATURDAY, April 12

#### Track and Field

@ Panther Invitational  
Middlebury, Vt., 11 a.m.

#### Baseball

@ NJIT  
Newark, N.J., 12 p.m.

#### Women's Lacrosse

vs. Stanford  
Albany, N.Y., 12 p.m.

#### Men's Lacrosse

vs. Binghamton  
Moulton Winder Field, 1 p.m.

#### Softball

@ Binghamton  
Vestal, N.Y., 1 p.m.

### SUNDAY, April 13

#### Baseball

@ NJIT  
Newark, N.J., 11 a.m.

#### Softball

@ Binghamton  
Vestal, N.Y., 12 p.m.

# Baseball hits conference play

UVM begins America East conference play with four-game series win at UMBC, 3-1

By AUSTIN DANFORTH

Senior Staff Writer

After trips to Louisiana, Florida and New Mexico to start the non-conference schedule, the baseball team begins conference play with a significantly shorter trip to UMBC.

The Catamounts sit at 7-10 through their first 17 games, with wins over Central Michigan — picked to finish first in the Mid-American Conference West Division — IPFW, Bucknell and a double-header sweep against Bradley.

UVM was swept by New Orleans, the defending Sun Belt Conference champion, in their season-opening series and also in their most recent series at New Mexico.

During this opening stretch, UVM head coach Bill Currier was pleasantly surprised by how strong many of his younger players have been out of the gate.

"I think the biggest surprise has certainly been our new players, either freshman or sophomores, who have come in and been really impressive with their offensive and defensive abilities," Currier said.

"Guys like Mark Micowski, Justin Milo, Matt Duffy and Ethan Paquette — these guys have provided key leadership in our offense."

Both Milo and Micowski earned honors in America East following the Cats' trip to Florida over Spring Break. Milo was named America East Player of the week and Micowski was America East



(Stock Photo/Vermont Cynic)

UVM baseball is off to a solid start in America East conference play, winning three out of four games over UMBC.

Rookie of the Week for the week of March 10.

Catamount pitcher Joe Serafin was lauded a week earlier as the conference's pitcher of the week.

Through the first 17 games, Paquette is leading the team in batting, hitting at a .392 clip. Milo leads the team in total hits (22), runs scored (18) and is tied for the team lead in home runs (2) with senior Miguel Magrass. Magrass also leads the team in RBIs (15).

Serafin, a junior, enters conference play with a 2-1 record and a 1.50 ERA, and will be a key factor in the Cata-

mount pitching that Currier is hoping will disrupt UMBC's hitters, who collectively sport the league's highest batting average (.316).

"We're certainly looking to always take three out of four against our conference opponents."

"[UMBC] have been scoring a lot of runs and we're anxious to see how they'll do against our pitchers, and hopefully we can keep hitting the ball," Currier said.

After a 10-9 loss on April 4, the Cats routed UMBC in a double-header last Saturday, winning by a combined score

of 21-6.

The Cats used four home runs, including a grand slam by senior Kyle Massie, to take the first game going away, 17-4.

The second game of the twinbill was closer, but led by a strong performance from senior Eric Thompson, who allowed just five hits in a complete game, UVM won 4-2.

The Cats ended the series win with a 13-5 win on Sunday behind a 5-for-6 day at the plate from Milo and a four-RBI game from senior first baseman Kyle Henry.

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## 2008 Scoreboard and Standings

### Results

#### Baseball

Friday, April 4

Loss @ UMBC

UVM: 9

UMBC: 10

Saturday, April 5

G1: Win @ UMBC

UVM: 17

UMBC: 4

Saturday, April 5

G2: Win @ UMBC

UVM: 4

UMBC: 2

Sunday, April 6

Win @ UMBC

UVM: 13

UMBC: 5

Men's Lacrosse

Tuesday, April 1

Win vs. Fairfield

Fair: 4-2-1-1 - 8

UVM: 1-3-3-2 - 9

Saturday, April 5

Loss @ Stony Brook

UVM: 2-1-2-4 - 9

SB: 6-3-4-0 - 13

Women's Lacrosse

Tuesday, April 1

Loss @ Dartmouth

UVM: 4-2 - 6

DU: 12-9 - 21

Saturday, April 5

Win vs. Albany

Alb.: 4-6 - 10

UVM: 3-8 - 11

Softball

Saturday, April 5

Game 1: Loss @ Hartford

UVM: 0

Hartford: 2

Sunday, April 6

G1: Win @ Hartford

UVM: 3

Hartford: 2

Sunday, April 6

G2: Loss @ Hartford

UVM: 6

Hartford: 7

Baseball

Stony Brook - (2-0)

Overall - (12-11)

Hartford - (2-0)

Overall - (8-12)

Vermont - (2-1)

Overall - (7-10)

UMBC - (1-2)

Overall - (8-15)

Maine - (0-0)

Overall - (8-13-1)

Binghamton - (0-2)

Overall - (7-17)

Albany - (0-2)

Overall - (4-21-1)

Men's Lacrosse

Albany - (2-0)

Overall - (4-5)

UMBC - (1-1)

Overall - (6-4)

Stony Brook - (1-1)

Overall - (5-4)

Binghamton - (1-1)

Overall - (3-4)

Vermont - (1-1)

Overall - (3-8)

Hartford - (0-2)

Overall - (0-10)

Women's Lacrosse

New Hampshire - (3-0)

Overall - (10-2)

Boston University - (3-0)

Overall - (9-2)

Vermont - (3-1)

Overall - (6-5)

UMBC - (2-1)

Overall - (4-9)

Albany - (1-2)

Overall - (7-5)

Stony Brook - (0-3)

Overall - (5-5)

Binghamton - (0-3)

Overall - (4-8)

#### Softball

Boston University - (5-0-0)

Overall - (18-11)

UMBC - (3-0-0)

Overall - (14-17)

Maine - (4-1-0)

Overall - (4-29-0)

Albany - (1-0-1)

Overall - (13-10-1)

Hartford - (1-3-0)

Overall - (12-7-0)

Stony Brook - (1-4-0)

Overall - (14-14-1)

Binghamton - (0-3-1)

Overall - (4-18-1)

Vermont - (0-4-0)

Overall - (5-16)

Women's Track and Field

Saturday, April 5

@ UNH Invitational

Notable UVM Performances

Women's:

- Corinne DiPietro: Javelin

winner - 41.92m

- Lindsey Gulden: Shot-

put winner - 12.27m

- Jamie Recore: Shot-put

second place - 12.13m

- Nichole Goodwin: Shot-

put third place - 12.12m

- Alli Chamberlain: 800m

run third place - 2:23:59

- Diana Purtz: 5,000

meter run third place -

18:12:79

Men's:

- Aaron Campbell: 100

meter dash winner - 10.91

- Cam Grant: 100 meter

dash third place - 11:06

- Justin Scricca: 200

meter dash winner - 22.23

- Doug Maisey: 5,000

meter run winner - 15:23

- Phil Cohen: Pole vault

second place - 4.35m

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## Good Week / Bad Week

**National sports in a nutshell**  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Bad Week for Cubs Pitching

After pitching six and two-thirds scoreless innings on Opening Day, Chicago's ace Carlos Zambrano left the mound with cramping in his right forearm.

Following that scare, perennially-injured Kerry Wood gave up three earned runs in his first appearance as closer, a bumpy start to a season which is supposed to be a new beginning for Wood.

### Good Week for Alex Ovechkin

Sidney who? While Ovechkin may not receive as much mainstream attention as his fellow sophomore Crosby, he has stayed healthy this season, and his 63 goals tie the season mark for left wingers.

Last season's rookie of the year is a strong MVP contender, and even more impressively, he has led the Washington Capitals from being the worst team in the NHL in November to being tied for first in the Southeast division.

### Bad Week for Naps

Swimming sensation Michael Phelps decided not to compete in the 400-meter freestyle at the Columbus Grand Prix after falling asleep during the meet.

Hoping to challenge Mark Spitz's seven gold medals at a single Olympics in the upcoming Beijing games, Phelps' rigorous training schedule finally caught up with him, and limiting his Grand Prix performance.

Phelps recorded the second best time of four minutes and 21.89 seconds in the preliminary heat.

### Bad Week for Bracket Favorites

Brackets were permanently busted on Saturday night when the two biggest favorites of the tournament, UNC and UCLA, were both beaten hard by monsters of the mid-west Kansas and Memphis.

So much for an East vs. West championship showdown. Two words for Tyler Hansborough: what happened?!

### Bad Week for A-Rod's

Alex Rodriguez struck out four times in eight plate appearances in two games versus Toronto, and then his Yankees got blown out 13-4 by the Tampa Bay Rays.

Then Alexa Rodriguez, the thirteen-year-old female version of A-Rod, got attacked by a red-tailed hawk in Fenway when she was on a school fieldtrip touring the stadium.

### Good Week for the Los Angeles Lakers

The Lakers have won three straight, clinched a playoff berth and reinserted their new star center, Pau Gasol, back into the line-up after missing nine games due to injury.

Kobe Bryant is playing lights out, averaging 31 points a game in the month of March.

# Blakely an All-American honorable mention



Marqus Blakely (above) was named an AP All-American honorable mention last Monday. Blakely averaged 19 points and 11 rebounds this season.

## The Associated Press honors dynamic UVM sophomore

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

Asst. Managing Editor

The Associated Press named sophomore Marqus Blakely to the honorable mention All-American team, announced by the AP last Monday.

Blakely recorded a team-high 55 percent in field goals and had 550 points, 320 rebounds and 79 blocks on the season.

Blakely averaged a double-double this year with 19 points and 11 rebounds per game. His defense was also stellar as he averaged over two blocks a game and nearly two steals per game.

The Cats finished fourth place in America East with a 9-7 conference record, tallying a 16-15 record overall.

This season he earned multiple honors, including the Kevin Roberson America East Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, USB-WA All-District I First Team, NABC District I Second Team and Collegehoops.net Mid-Major Honorable Mention All-American.

Blakely is the fourth recipi-

ent in UVM history to earn the AP honorable mention honors, joining the likes of Mike Evelti (1982), T.J. Sorrentine (2005) and Taylor Coppenrath (2005).

The AP named 48 players to the honorable mention All-America team including Blakely, the only representative from UVM.

Blakely earned the distinction of being one of two players to secure both their conference player and defensive player of the year honors this season, alongside Rider University's Jason Thompson of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

## Blakely averaged a double-double this year with 19 points and 11 rebounds per game, shooting 51 percent from the field.

Blakely finished his freshman season with an average of 7.6 points per game

in the last 23 games, making 16 starts and shooting a team-high 61.7 percent from the floor, the second-highest single season total in UVM history.

Blakely will look to the 2008-09 season to improve his already gawdy numbers.

He will be helped by an improving team that includes newcomer Maurice Joseph, a junior guard who sat out last season after transferring from Michigan State, along with a senior class that includes America-East first-teamer Mike Trimboli and Colin McIntosh.



(2-I-I)

According to ESPN.com, trade talks between the Titans and Cowboys for maligned-cornerback Pacman Jones have stalled.

Is Jones, who has still yet to be reinstated by the NFL, worth the risk for the Cowboys or, for that matter, any team?

**LM:** I believe Pacman Jones is worth the risk for a team like the Cowboys, but not many other teams.

The Cowboys are on the cusp of Superbowl contention this season. They need a solid kick return man and another cornerback; Pacman Jones brings both of those.

Ignore the kind of citizen he is and look at the kind of football player he is. I believe that if a team can handle a headache like Terrell Owens and all the drama he brings, they can handle Pacman Jones as well.

T.O. changed for the better once he was found himself on a contending team, maybe Pacman can as well.

**ZP:** As crazy as this may sound, I think trading for Pacman Jones would be a very wise choice by the Cowboys.

The Cowboys have come painfully close to being a title contender the past few years, but they seem to be missing that one piece to put them over the top.

The Cowboys' secondary is their weakest link by far. Jerry Jones has a history of handling players with troubled personalities (see: Terrell Owens), so I think he will handle Pacman just fine.

If the gamble fails the Cowboys will be no worse off because they will not have to give up much to get him.

**THE SCORE**  
PACMAN AND T.O. ON THE SAME TEAM? YIKES.  
LANCE 1  
ZACH 0

# FACE OFF

LANCE MILLER VS. ZACH PARKER

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY



(2-I-0)

It's spring time — we know this because you can't turn on ESPN without seeing one of their traditional commercials for the Master's Tournaments.

So who ya' got at Augusta, Tiger Woods or the field?

**LM:** I'll take Tiger simply because I don't know much about golf and I know that lately Tiger has been tearing it up in tournaments.

This question is like a who ya' got in a one-on-one game, LeBron James or any other NBA player?

It's ridiculous for golf to be advertised on ESPN as much as it has been. I'm not old enough yet to be smoking cigars and sippin' scotch while sitting back on my couch watching a silent sport with the occasional polite clap.

I need excitement! March Madness! MLB opening week!

So unless Happy Gilmore joins the tour and I can funnel a beer while being loud and obnoxious during a gold tournament, I could care less.

But Tiger is my pick.

**ZP:** I don't care if Tiger Woods' streak is done — he is still playing the best golf of his life right now, and I think he is the odds on favorite to win the Masters.

Tiger always turns it up a notch for majors, and to think about what a notch above his play of late could possibly be? That's just scary.

Tiger was unbeatable at five season-opening PGA Tour events, and I don't think anyone else in the field will be able to catch him at the Masters either.

**THE SCORE**  
WHO ELSE IS PLAYING THIS WEEKEND?  
LANCE 1  
ZACH 1

One more great perk to the start of the baseball season: the second-best fantasy sports season is underway!

Which player is destined to have a monster fantasy season, propelling owners everywhere to the top of their league?

**LM:** I would grab A-Rod if I had the first pick in a fantasy draft and here's why: A-Rod is good for a minimum of 40 homers, 150 RBIs, a .310 Batting Average, 20 steals, 30 doubles, 180 hits and 90 walks.

Say what you want about the fact that he can't hit in the clutch, he still puts up the best numbers in the game and he will continue to do so for the next few years. A-Rod usually comes up to the plate with men on base, and in the hitter-friendly Yankee Stadium, look for A-Rod to have another MVP caliber season.

My second choice would be my (warring: Mets fan venting) arch-nemesis Jimmy Rollins, who is good for 130 runs, 200 hits, 30 homers, 90 RBI and 40 steals.

**ZP:** This is more painful for me to say than being forced to listen to Celine Dion while watching the Kansas City Royals pretend they're a real baseball team.

I think Alex Rodriguez will be the best fantasy player in 2008.

There, I said it. He's coming off a season in which he had a .314 batting average, 54 home runs, 156 RBI and 24 stolen bases. Though everyone knows A-Rod chokes when his team needs him most, the postseason doesn't matter to fantasy baseball stats.

Look for A-Rod to prove he is worth all the money the Yanks gave him with improved numbers this year.

**THE SCORE**  
"AN A-BOMB FROM A-ROD!"  
LANCE 2  
ZACH 1

# Men's lacrosse splits a pair

**Cats come from behind to beat Fairfield, 9-8, lose a close battle to Stony Brook, 13-9.**

By ZACH PARKER  
Senior Staff Writer

The UVM men's lacrosse team proved on Tuesday afternoon that you can never count them out of a game.

Trailing Fairfield 6-1 in the second period, Vermont came back to win 9-8, notching their third win of the season.

Following four goals within a two-minute span in the first quarter for the Stags, Vermont answered with 10.4 seconds left on an unassisted goal from senior attack Shay Cunningham.

Fairfield answered with two more goals of their own to start the second quarter, giving them their biggest lead of the game.

As the rain started to pour with five minutes left in the quarter, however,

Cunningham fired home his second unassisted goal of the game.

Forty seconds later, junior attack Andrew Kelleher further closed the gap on a goal which was assisted by freshman attack Derek Lichtfuss.

Senior midfielder Trevor Wagar cut the Fairfield lead to 6-4 before halftime with his unassisted goal.

Vermont came out firing in the second half with a goal two minutes into the third quarter from Lichtfuss, assisted by junior midfielder Brandon Goodwyn.

After another Fairfield goal, Goodwyn again got the ball to Lichtfuss, this time to cut the Stags' lead to 7-6.

With four seconds left in the quarter, senior defenseman Collin Shore hooked up with senior co-captain Andrew Holden to tie the game at 7-7.

Cunningham gave UVM their first lead of the game with 11:45 left in the fourth quarter, notching a hat trick in the process.

Fairfield answered less than a min-

ute later, however, on an unassisted goal from freshman Max Trunz, locking the game up at 8-8.

Both teams fought hard until the 1:52 mark in the game, when Lichtfuss secured a hat trick of his own on the game-winning goal, once again assisted by Goodwyn.

Though the win brought UVM to 3-7 on the season, the Cats dropped a close game to Stony Brook on Saturday in America East conference play.

Despite a valiant effort that was led by Lichtfuss's four goals, the Seawolves were able to hold off the Catamounts, 13-9.

The loss dropped the Catamounts to 1-1 in America East conference play, while Stony Brook improved to 1-1 on the season as well.

The Cats continue play Tuesday at Marist before returning home on Saturday to face off against division-foe Binghamton.



(Troy Johnson/ Vermont Cynic)



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From left: Junior Alex Young (17) makes a play turning away from the net on a Fairfield defender in last week's 9-8 win against the Stags last Tuesday. Young has four goals and one assist on the season so far.

Above: Junior Luke LaBranche (15) guards Fairfield midfielder Nick Latimore. LaBranche has one goal in 10 games on the season.

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**Club Sports**  
Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer



**Club Football**

In preparation for their second season as a team, the football club has been busy this off-season.

"As a club, we're starting to do everything we can to be competitive," club president, Doug DeLuca, said.

With that in mind, the club ushered in a new coach and a new playbook, settling on the Triple Option to help their under-sized offensive line.

They have stepped up their conditioning training and have elected to participate in lifting tests and various other tests used to analyze the skill set of football players.

"If we put in the work now and take it seriously, we will benefit in the long run," DeLuca said.

The club is already benefiting from their inaugural season last year, implementing a new schedule where they will be playing the second squad's of some Division III schools, definitely an improvement from last year.

"It's great that we're getting recognition at the Division III level," DeLuca said. "Eventually our goal is to compete against the junior varsity program's of Division I schools."

With the club taking all the right steps in all the right directions, it is fitting to see how much support they have generated through their booster club and through the old football alumni who are happy to see football back at UVM.

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## Curtis pulls double-duty, plays on MLL's Cannons in the off-season

**Head Coach Ryan Curtis doubles as an MLL player and D-1 coach**

By ZACH PARKER  
Senior Staff Writer

Although he is only in his second season as the UVM men's lacrosse head coach, Ryan Curtis certainly doesn't lack experience.

Following a brilliant collegiate lacrosse career in which he won a national championship, NCAA Defenseman of the Year, and was named an All-American twice, Curtis joined the Boston Cannons of Major League Lacrosse.

Curtis is a five-time MLL All-Star. In 2003, he was named MLL Defensive Player of the Year. Curtis was also named the Cannons' team-MVP three times along with being captain.

After six years with the Cannons, Curtis joined the Washington Bayhawks along



Ryan Curtis

with being named the UVM head coach.

One would think that handling these dual responsibilities would be tough, but Curtis pulled it off well.

"Coaching and playing ended up working out better than I thought," Curtis said.

"It was definitely a lot of travel, but my games brought me to where I would've already been on recruiting trips anyway."

After one professional season in his hometown of Washington D.C., in which Curtis played in eight games, Curtis said he is returning to his true lacrosse home, Boston, for the upcoming MLL season.

With re-joining the Cannons, Curtis will also be on the same roster as his assistant coach at UVM, Joe Kostolansky.

As for the benefits of being a professional lacrosse player along with a collegiate coach, Curtis said he sees many.

"I hope to bring real-life experience in the game to my guys," Curtis said.

"The pro game is played a lot differently than it is at the college level, and I try to get my players to play more of a pro style."

"I think you can see the influence in our style of play."

Curtis has also seen one former Catamount, Peter Hein, get drafted by the Denver Outlaws of the MLL, and he hopes to see more players follow that path, although it is becoming tougher.

"It's really a bottleneck getting into the league now. The pool of players not on MLL rosters grows bigger every year," Curtis said.

Although the MLL and UVM regular seasons don't overlap, if Curtis was forced to choose, his allegiance is right here in Burlington.

"If we were to make the Final Four, the games would overlap, but my responsibility would obviously be with my team here," Curtis said.

With UVM's season in full bloom and the Cannons' set to start in May, the loyal and experienced UVM coaching staff will look to lead the Catamounts and the Cannons to the most successful seasons they possibly can.

## Fallon signs with Blackhawks, Sneddon honored by AHCA

**Former UVM goalie will begin NHL career in Chicago**

By JASON BUSHEY  
Sports Editor

It was announced by Chicago Blackhawks' General Manager Dale Tallon last Friday that the team has signed UVM goaltender Joe Fallon.

Details of the contract were not yet specified.

Fallon was drafted in the sixth-round (167th overall) by the Blackhawks in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft.

Fallon brings to the improving-Blackhawks a long list of collegiate accolades. Fallon was named ECAC Rookie of the Year his freshman season, and ranks second all-time in the NCAA in shutouts (20) and goals against average (2.05). Fallon finished with a career record of 63-51-17 in his four years with the Cata-



Joe Fallon

mounts.

Fallon will join fellow Catamount Patrick Sharp on a Blackhawks team that came three points from making the Western Conference playoffs this year, a huge improvement from their 13th-place finish in 2006-07 season.

Fallon's departure makes sophomore goaltender Mike Spillane the current starting goalie for the 2008-09 squad.

Spillane was 2-2-2 in eight games for UVM this year with a 3.64 goals against average.

Also this week, Head Coach Kevin Sneddon was honored by the American Hockey Coaches Association as one of nine finalists for the Spencer Penrose Award, which is given to the NCAA Division 1 Men's Hockey Coach of the Year.

Sneddon led the team to a 17-15-7 overall record en route to a third place finish in the Hockey East and the conference tournament's championship game.

Sneddon was presented with the Bob Kullen Hockey East Coach of the Year Award last month.



# Last-second goal lifts Cats



(Amanda Apuzzo/ Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore Alison Haigh (17) rips a low shot at Albany goalie Katie Neer during Saturday's 11-10 win over Albany. Haigh recored one goal in the game.

## Two goals in the final minute gives UVM 11-10 win over Albany

By JASON BUSHEY

Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team made their first-ever win against Albany one to remember last Saturday at Moulton Winder Field.

In a tie game with just over 15 seconds remaining and Albany in control of the ball in the Vermont zone, sophomore Sara Buxton caused a crucial turnover and scooped up the ball before making a quick pass to junior Sarah DeStefano.

DeStefano took over from there.

Sprinting fiercely down the field in a race against the clock, DeStefano made one Albany defender miss before ripping a shot over the left shoulder of Albany goalie Katie Neer with just 1.8 seconds remaining, lifting the Cats to an 11-10 victory. The goal was DeStefano's second of the game.

"Buxton had it going down on a 2-on-1," DeStefano said. "I faked around one defender and ripped it high. I had no idea how much time was left."

"I just went for it," DeStefano said. "It was an amazing win."

Head coach Jen Johnson was ecstatic about her team's effort.

"I think I jumped up about ten feet in the air [after the goal]," Johnson said. "I'm really proud of DeStefano. She really stepped up for us today."

Johnson also pointed to her team's ability to play well from behind as one thing she was particularly proud of on the day. UVM fought back from a 3-0 deficit early in the game and trailed the Great

Danes 10-9 with just 1:17 left in regulation.

"I really admire the resilience of this team," Johnson said. "They could easily give up but they just battle back harder."

"This win is huge in many capacities," said Johnson.

By improving to 3-1 in conference play, the Cats are all but guaranteed a spot in the America East tournament, and with their last three conference games all at home they will look to improve on their current #3 seed.

Albany dropped to 7-5 and 1-2 in conference play.

UVM trailed early in the game as they struggled to establish their offense against a stingy Albany defense. However, UVM's defense kept the Cats' in the game with exceptional overall play as the offense warmed up.

"It was our best overall

defensive effort of the season," Johnson said.

Trailing 3-0 with 7:53 remaining in the first half, freshman Megan McDonald opened up the scoring for the Cats on a free-position shot.

Albany's Jodi Battaglia answered just three minutes later on a wrap-around goal past senior goalie Meaghan Hanley.

UVM would strike back with two more goals in the final two minutes of the first half. Set up by a great pass from MacDonald, junior Kristen Millar ripped a hard shot in to the bottom of the net with 1:38 remaining. Millar then set up junior Tori Wasson's goal less than a minute later to pull the Cats within a goal at the break.

Both teams traded goals throughout the second half as the game took on a very physical nature. Albany re-

corded 20 fouls overall while Vermont tallied 16.

The fouls turned out to be key in UVM's win, as they went a perfect 4-of-4 on free-position shots in the second half.

Also in the second half, Millar made history by setting an NCAA record for draw controls won (228), breaking the old record of 223 in 31 less games.

UVM took their first lead of the game with just 6:28 remaining in the game on an unassisted goal by MacDonald. Albany's Christine Grueniger put Albany back in front with 1:17 left.

Macdonald tied the game with her fourth goal of the contest with just 45 seconds remaining, setting up DeStefano's last second triumph.

The Cats will take on first-place New Hampshire Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Moulton Winder Field.



(Amanda Apuzzo/ Vermont Cynic)

Junior Sarah DeStefano (22) shoots high during Saturday's contest against Albany. DeStefano recorded two goals in the game, including the game-winner with just 1.8 seconds remaining, giving UVM an 11-10 win.

# CATAMOUNTS GAMEDAY

## VERMONT CATAMOUNTS VS. NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDCATS

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## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Senior Staff Writer



## Boycott Billy Packer! (It's Easier Than Beijing)

It seems like the topic du jour is the upcoming Beijing Olympics — should we stay or should we go now.

I'm not going to talk about the Genocide Olympics that lie controversially on the horizon. Beijing is such a loaded and overworked talking point by now that I doubt I could lend anything refreshing to the conversation.

The long and the short of it looks like this: China does lots of not-so-good things (supporting the Sudanese government, oppressing the people of Tibet) and they probably should not have gotten the games in the first place.

At this point, if they shut off their factories long enough in advance we might just get to see the games through the literal and figurative haze. That would be a huge victory.

Instead of going on about China's Olympics, I propose a much more useful, possible and positive boycott, one that is far closer to home, too:

Billy Packer, CBS's worst, busiest and highest profile college basketball commentator.

His reign over the airwaves of America's most incredible sporting event needs to end, if not for our collective sake, but at least for the sake of the game.

In spite of his experience -- this is his 27th year as the lead analyst for CBS -- he brings nothing new to the game. He lends zero entertainment, humor or an overly sharp wit and relevant analysis to what we hear coming out of the TV set.

When Packer does lend something useful to the game-watching experience it's always about 10 seconds too slow, at least for me. His on-air presence is simply maddening.

This isn't loathing of the Tim McCarver caliber -- McCarver could dress up as Captain Obvious for Halloween and the change would be discernable only maybe to himself. I can't stand McCarver but on some level I feel sympathy for the guy, sounding so unintelligent on millions of TVs, without a hint of shame.

No, Packer's case is different. To think he's been calling Final Fours for as long as Dick Vitale has not been calling them literally pains me.

I'd consider Vitale and Packer the poles of the profession, in that regard and several more. Dicky V is college hoops on TV. Where he is smooth, smart and insightful (if slightly over-exuberant), Packer sounds blustery, aloof and over-confident (without a hint of excitement).

If anything, with Vitale it's instantly recognizable how much he loves his job. With Packer, you just can't tell.

If not for the possibility of an incredible championship game this week, I'd advocate boycotting the broadcast entirely. As I sit here the day before what could be a Kansas-Memphis Instant Classic I realize it is impossible to not watch the game, regardless of Packer's despotic presence during the broadcast.

A fair but dissenting compromise is to simply mute the game — listen to it on the radio or something, anything else — and write your local congressman.



Here are just a few ways that students can give back:

**VIA** is a volunteer organization that addresses community needs that have not been met by traditional agencies or offices. With hundreds of volunteers in 15 different programs, VIA gives UVM students a wealth of opportunities to give back to the Burlington community and surrounding area.

**Food Salvage:** Help serve the local community every Sunday by cooking meals for the hungry and homeless.  
**Big Buddies:** Become a positive role model for the less-fortunate youth by spending time with them each week.  
**Pets Helping People:** Bring greyhounds to local nursing homes.  
**Prison Project:** Make a positive impact on an offender by tutoring, playing volleyball and more at the local correctional center.  
**Alternative Spring Break (ASB):** Spend your Spring Break working alongside Habitat For Humanity, improving the environment or working on any number of volunteer projects.

**DREAM:** [www.dreamprogram.org](http://www.dreamprogram.org)  
 Mentor a child from a housing project in the greater Burlington area. Children come to UVM every Friday to hang out for an afternoon of activities of their choice and their mentor's design.

**Feel Good:** [feelgoodworks.org](http://feelgoodworks.org)  
 Help put an end to world hunger by making grilled cheese sandwiches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Davis Center. Feel Good donates 100 percent of its proceeds to The Hunger Project.

Visit [uvm.edu/~service](http://uvm.edu/~service) to learn more about how to get involved with a student volunteer project.

# Helping Hands

For some UVM students, giving back to the community that we call home is just what they need

By Colin V. Constantine

There are so many ways for a student to spend his or her time at UVM. Some find part-time jobs, others study excessively and of course, many fall prey to partying just a little too much.

Still, there is one way in particular that students choose to spend their time, and that is doing volunteer work. But what motivates these students to help out on Saturdays, or even their entire spring break, instead of simply doing something else? Is there some underlying reason for this selflessness, or are these students truly acting out of the kindness of their hearts?

And why do other students choose not to take action? Is it because they simply cannot, or are there other factors involved?

"I know how important and fun it was to have someone old to look up to. I wanted to do that for others, help them learn and experience new things away from home," Janet MacDonald, the program coordinator for DREAM (Directing through Recreation Education Adventure and Mentoring) said. "I mean, who doesn't want to be a little kid every once in a while, right?"

DREAM is just one of the many examples of student-run volunteer programs at UVM. Founded by college students, the program aims to empower disadvantaged children through mentoring, and helps kids work toward achieving their goals.

According to the DREAM Web site, "Each week, students bring the children in the program to their college campus for a combination of group and

one-on-one activities. Group activities are age-appropriate, and the individual activities are tailored

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DREAM program coordinator

to the specific needs and interests of each child in the program."

VIA (Volunteers In Action), which is also a student-run organization, acts as a hub for a variety of volunteer programs like the Prison Project, Alternative Spring Break and Pets Helping People, according to their Web site.

"I think it's a great model because it is student-run," VIA Director of Programs, Carrie McLane, said, "It's all planned out by students and run by students, and people have so much fun doing it."

"Volunteering is something a lot of students at UVM feel the need to do and enjoy doing, regardless of what other outside interests they might have," said Dennis Robillard, the director of council,

for VIA.

To committed volunteers like Robillard and McLane, community service is something that has become a basic part of living. Whether it is by helping out at a local soup kitchen, becoming a role model for children or helping underprivileged families construct a home, there is always a position to be filled.

"We have really wide variety of opportunities and for any level of time commitment," Robillard said. "We are always looking for volunteers, year round."

Although everyone has their own personal reason for volunteering, each group on campus works toward a loftier goal. One example is Feel Good, a student-run deli that specializes in gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches. Feel Good is a part of a global organization called The Hunger Project (THP), which aims to end world hunger, according to the program's Web site.

Open just a few days a week, this group of highly motivated individuals works hard to raise money, sending 100 percent of the proceeds to THP. According to Feel Good, President Leah Grossman, last year the group raised \$20,000 and they hope to raise \$35,000 by the end of this year.

"When we say we're going to end world hunger, we mean it, because we know what it takes," said Grossman.

Not only are students working towards a collective goal, but they reap the benefits of the therapeutic qualities that come out of helping





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(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Clockwise from top left Students in Cincinnati worked with HIV positive patients for Alternative Spring Break trip last March; fifth grader Zahra Mohammed is one of many kids from a Winooski housing project play pool in the Davis Center during DREAM; Feel Good volunteers make grilled cheese sandwiches in the Davis Center to help fight world hunger.

someone else.

"Honestly, I find that volunteering helps me purge any negatives that have been affecting my life," said Jessica Katz, the program director for Pets Helping People (PHP).

Pets Helping People is a great example of students who simply want to spread joy to others. PHP brings dogs to students and the elderly, and lets everyone enjoy the simple satisfaction of playing with man's best friend, Katz said.

With dozens of student groups covering such a wide variety of causes, innovation plays a crucial role in gaining student support. That innovation is partly driven by the goal to achieve personal satisfaction.

"I initially got involved with PHP my freshman year because I missed my dog horribly," Katz said, "The residents love it when we visit, and we college students get a dog fix!"

But what about the students that do not spend time volunteering?

"I simply don't have enough time," junior Peter McKay said. "Otherwise I totally would."

But is this the only reason? Or is there some special quality that must be summoned in order for one to volunteer?

Grossman said she was first attracted to the idea of Feel Good after receiving an e-mail from

"Honestly, I find that volunteering helps me purge any negatives that have been affecting my life,"

Jessica Katz,  
PHP program director

the University. From there, her curiosity took over. Now she promotes and recruits members for the volunteer program.

"People stick around because they are inspired by our mission," Grossman said.

The many lessons these students have learned are unique and character-building to each individual.

"I have had a lot of experiences with DREAM in the past years," MacDonald said, "This past weekend we brought around 15 kids to Old MacDonald's Farm -- my family's farm -- and the kids had so much fun sledding, being out in three feet of snow and curling up in front of a huge fire."

Students, like MacDonald, typically devote a few hours a week to their respective groups, so it does not interfere with school.

But volunteer work does not have to stop after college.

"Eventually I want to work for some kind of non-profit," McLane said. She hopes to fuse her major in dietetics and nutrition, "to do something that is socially responsible."

Armed with pamphlets, Web sites, fundraisers and a plethora of other advertising methods, volunteers like McLane urge more students to sign up for a program. After all, student volunteer programs really depend on student participation.

"Volunteering on campus is a really great way to connect with the community," said McLane, "I think that a lot of times we live in a little bubble on campus and it sort of seems like the Burlington community isn't a huge fan of UVM."

Although not every volunteer program at UVM has been completely successful, each one strives to help out the students and the community as best as they can.

The feeling of personal satisfaction and empowerment that is experienced by volunteers, like the aforementioned students, is something that everyone can enjoy. Certainly those who have taken the time to help out with their local community in any way, can attest to this pleasure.

"It's a way of focusing on something other than yourself," Katz said, "which is a wonderful concept."

## [SPECTACLE

PITCHING A  
TENT FOR  
POVERTY

(Josh Lee/ Vermont Cynic)



(Bobby Bruderle/ Vermont Cynic)

Student Labor Action Project (S.L.A.P.) set up camp this week in front of the Royall Tyler Theatre to protest the University's policies on liveable wages. Students slept out in tents to raise awareness for UVM's lowest paid employees. In past years, Tent City has gone from early April until after finals. This year, SLAP leaders indicated that campers would only be allowed for three days for safety reasons. In addition to Tent City, there was also a rally and concert in Billings on Thursday evening and a protest on Friday where students marched into the presidential wing of Waterman for a brief sit-in.

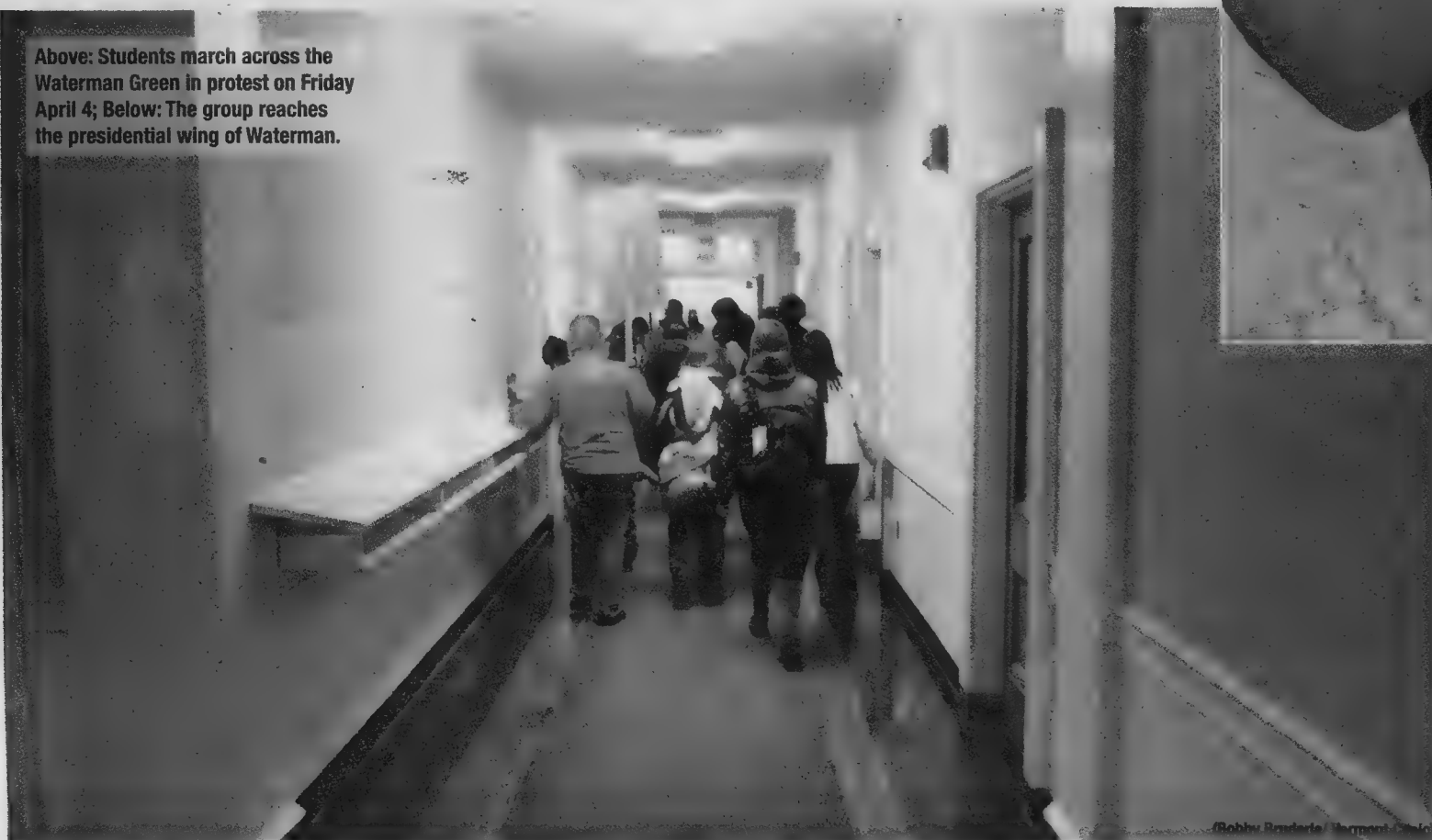
BY JOSH LEE

Above: Lucy DeWahl (left), Rachle Ruggles (center) and Sage Wilmet get a better vantage point over tent city; Below: Allesandro Ascherio bundles up in the brisk early morning air while members of S.L.A.P. prepare a free workers breakfast at 5 a.m. on Thursday April 4.



(Josh Lee/ Vermont Cynic)

Above: Students march across the Waterman Green in protest on Friday April 4; Below: The group reaches the presidential wing of Waterman.



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Which Disney character do you most relate to and why?

Sebastian the Crab, he is so chill.

Aladdin, because he lives out on the edge.

Ariel, she's my fave.

Pocahontas, because we both have brown hair and love to be outside.

In a death-match between John McCain, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, who would win and why?

Obama would daze everyone with stunning words and then sucker-punch them.

Hillary, because she is a raging bitch.

Hillary, because she is pretty intense.

Obama, the crowd would cheer the loudest too.

Use one adjective to describe your favorite dining area on campus.

Scrumptious Simpson.

New World Tortilla - Delicious.

I kinda like the Grundel because it's greasy.

Marche, it's groovy.

What musical instrument really turns you on?

Guitar ... or harp.

Beyonce's voice.

Saxophone.

Alto sax.

# CYNICAL INQUISITION

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FIELD OF FLAGS  
University Green  
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

"A DOG NAMED  
SPECTRUM" GALLERY  
EXHIBIT  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

BELIZE STUDY  
ABROAD INFO  
SESSION  
UHeights N1  
Multipurpose Room  
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

SA CONCERTS  
MEETING  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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NESEI T-SHIRT  
DESIGNING  
Harris/Millis Lounge  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"A DOG NAMED  
SPECTRUM" GALLERY  
EXHIBIT  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE  
VS. UNH  
Athletic Field 2  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

SKI/SNOWBOARD  
INDUSTRY NIGHT  
Billings North Lounge  
B300  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

TASTE OF ASIA  
L/L 216  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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"A DOG NAMED  
SPECTRUM" GALLERY  
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L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

JEFFREY MOORE  
READING  
Billings Marsh  
Lounge  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

STAND KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER: ROMEO  
DALLAIRE  
Ira Allen Chapel  
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

RHYTHM & BREWS  
COFFEEHOUSE  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

### fri

SHABAT TO GO  
Davis Center Atrium  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

UVM ORIENTATION  
PREVIEW  
Davis Center Grand  
Maple Ballroom  
9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

"A DOG NAMED  
SPECTRUM" GALLERY  
EXHIBIT  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

ALANA TALENT  
SHOW  
Davis Center Silver  
Maple Ballroom  
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

LAST BAND  
STANDING  
Billings North Lounge  
8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

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5TH ANNUAL  
J.R.R. TOLKIEN  
CONFERENCE  
Waterman Memorial  
Lounge 338  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

"A DOG NAMED  
SPECTRUM" GALLERY  
EXHIBIT  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE VS  
BINGHAMTON  
Athletic Field 2  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

HORN RECITAL: ANYA  
BRODRICK  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### sun

5TH ANNUAL  
J.R.R. TOLKIEN  
CONFERENCE  
Waterman Memorial  
Lounge 338  
8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

"REMEMBERING  
RAUL HILBERG"  
Davis Auditorium  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

STORIES OF THE DAWN  
BREAKERS  
L/L B180 Lounge  
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

LATIN AMERICAN  
CULTURE FILM SERIES  
L/L B132  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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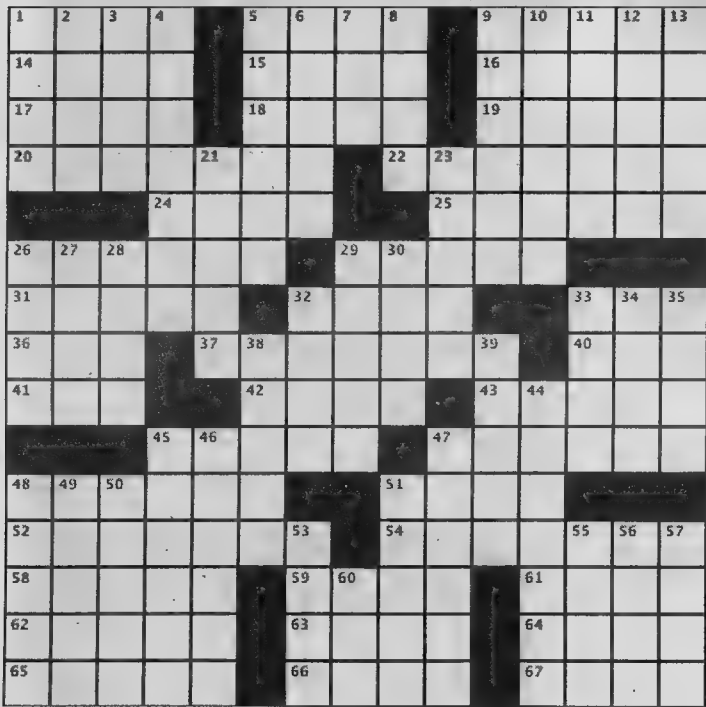
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Davis Center Atrium  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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CEREMONY &  
RECEPTION  
Davis Center Livak  
Ballroom  
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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WEEKLY STAFF  
MEETING  
Lafayette L108  
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# CROSSWORD



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### ACROSS

- 1- Lofty
- 5- Rowing implements
- 9- European ermine
- 14- Et \_\_\_\_ (and others)
- 15- German Mrs
- 16- Lid
- 17- Grumble
- 18- Chicken, e.g.
- 19- Conscious
- 20- By the day
- 22- Insoluble protein
- 24- Sigmund's daughter
- 25- Diatribe
- 26- Frenzied woman
- 29- Played the part
- 31- Senator Specter
- 32- Floating ice
- 33- Blubber
- 36- Mark of Zorro
- 37- Sad poet
- 40- John in England
- 41- Thanksgiving tuber
- 42- Catchall abbr.
- 43- Black-wooded tree
- 45- Embankment
- 47- Slants
- 48- Reliquary
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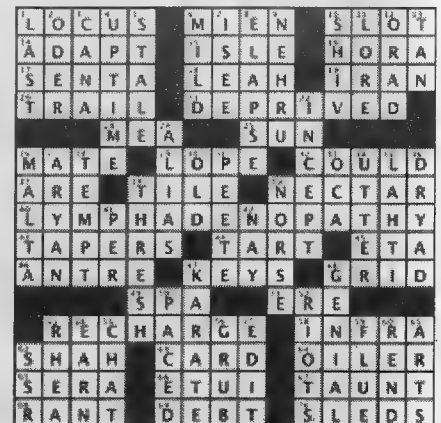
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- 65- Thorny flowers
- 66- Deprived of sensation
- 67- Take a break

### DOWN

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- 2- Moisturizer ingredient
- 3- One telling tales
- 4- Insecticide and weed-killer
- 5- Annoy
- 6- Smell, usually a pleasant one
- 7- Uncooked
- 8- Remain sullen
- 9- Rarely encountered
- 10- In the direction of
- 11- Egg-shaped
- 12- Lofty nest
- 13- Tendency
- 21- Silly
- 23- \_\_\_\_ Park, Colorado
- 26- Resembling a maze
- 27- Neighborhood
- 28- K-6
- 29- Single-celled aquatic plant
- 30- Loop
- 32- Celebration
- 33- Failure
- 34- First-class
- 35- Playthings
- 38- Crowbar
- 39- Informs
- 44- Monetary unit of Venezuela
- 45- One with a bullet?

- 46- Goes in
- 47- Majestic
- 48- Sully
- 49- Shout of exultation
- 50- Peruses
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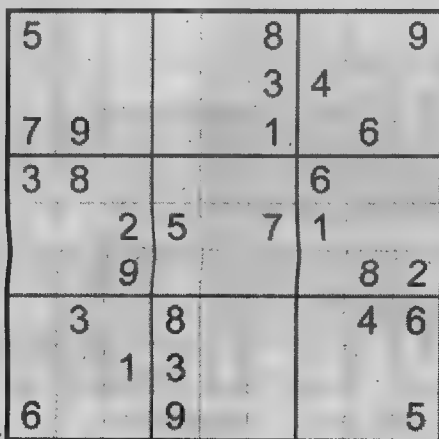
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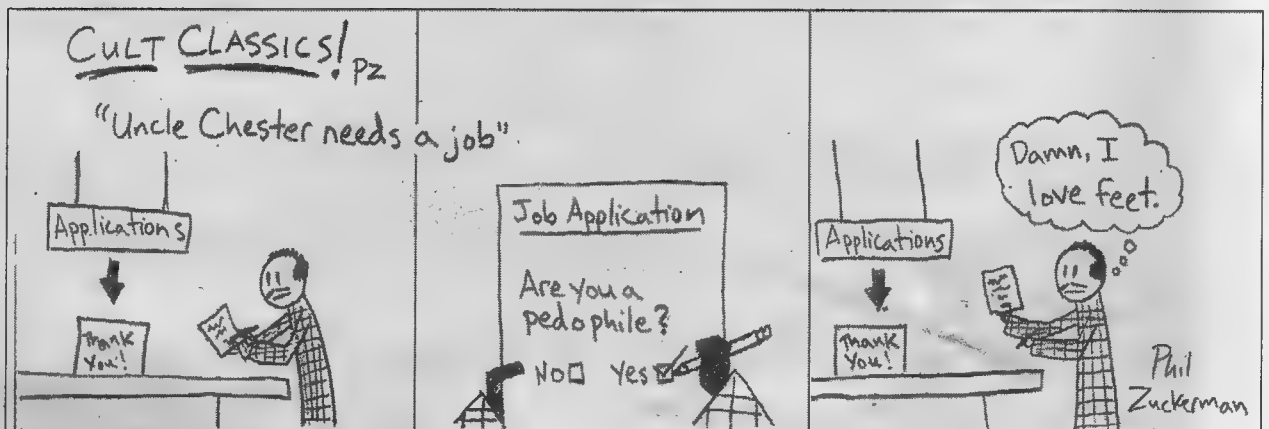
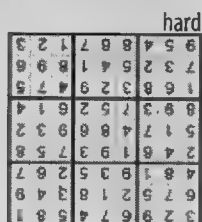
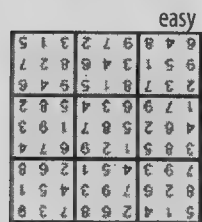
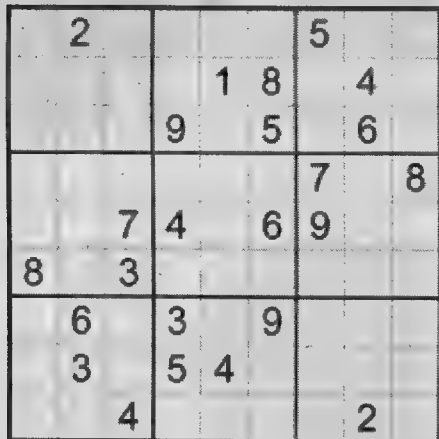
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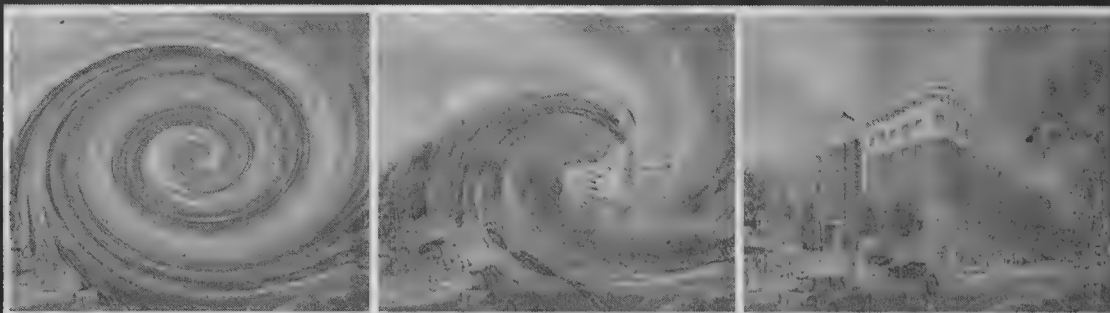
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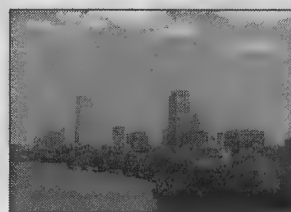
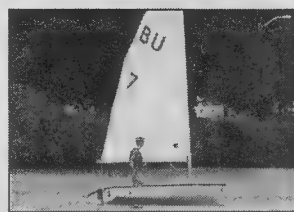
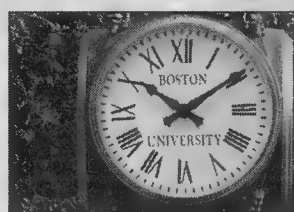
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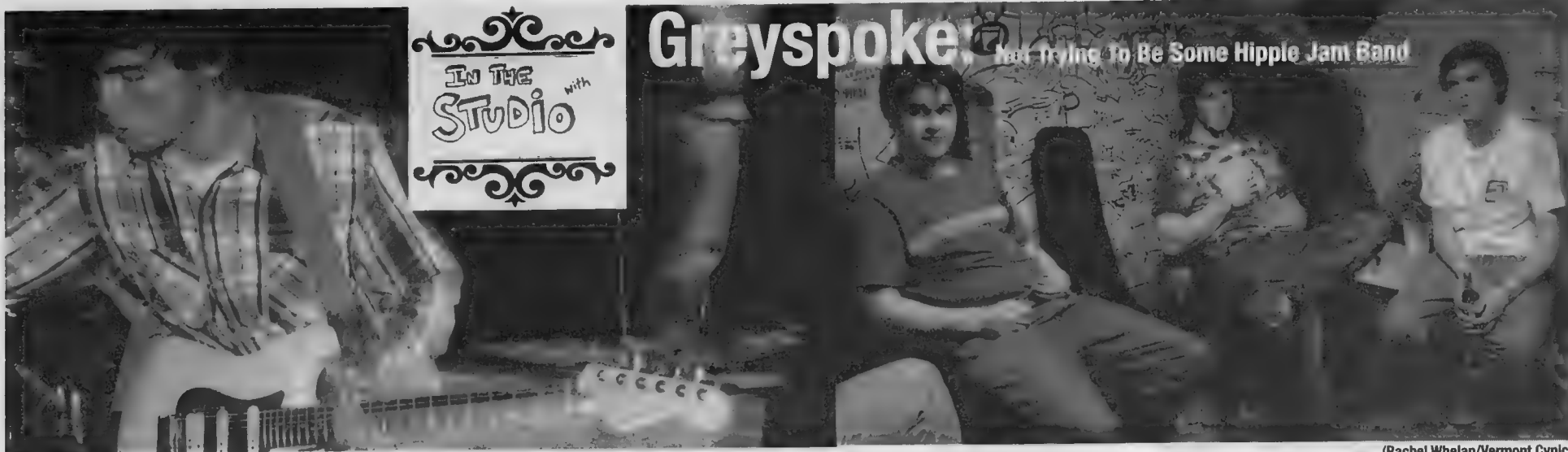
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Left: Mike Wheeler tunes his guitar; Right: band members Rudy Kiburis, Jamie Heintz and Wheeler hang out backstage at Nectar's Friday night.

(Rachel Whelan/Vermont Cynic)

By WILL KEMP

Cynic Correspondent

When anyone goes downtown to see a college band on a Friday night, there is always one thought on their mind: "I really hope they're good."

Granted, the idea of what's good and what isn't, varies from person to person, but when it comes down to it, it's a college band, and there are certain elements that are absolutely essential.

When I went to see Greyspoke perform at Nectar's on Friday, April 4th, I had these elements in mind.

Number One: Are they tight? Yes. Mike Wheeler (vocals, rhythm guitar), Jamie Heintz (drums), Rudy Kiburis (bass), and Rob Eaton (vocals, lead guitar) have been playing together since they were in high school, in Manchester, VT. Better yet, you can tell by listening.

They sounded as though they were well-rehearsed, together and had carefully planned out the setlist. At times, Wheeler and Eaton harmonize on lead vocals, a feat not many college bands can pull off, even among the relatively small number who actually attempt it.

Eaton's guitar solos are well-placed to build the intensity of the songs, and impressively, there were even a few well-executed bass solos from Kiburis.

There was no other conclusion to draw except that this is a band that works hard to play well.

Number Two: Are their songs original? Yes. When I talked to the band during their short set break, my first question was, "Who would you say are your major influences?" The response came quickly: "The Dead, Zappa, Pat Metheny, etc."

Pretty lofty names, but still, every one could be heard through their songs, not to mention a swampy, pulsing drum sound vaguely reminiscent of Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Adding the aforementioned harmonies, the equation comes out to a fairly distinct sound that I hadn't expected when I first headed down to Nectar's.

Number Three: Does the band have personality? Yes. I think this can be chalked up to their longevity as well. They played their first gig at Nectar's in 2005, and have had plenty of time to develop a dynamic among the group members.

Even on the small stage of Nectar's, their three-man front provides enough room between them to move around some, and to get into the music, which in such an intimate space translates easily to the crowd.

Number Four: Do they have a point? Yes.

When I spoke to the band, I couldn't help but ask a question that, admittedly, isn't easy to answer: "What are you trying to do with music?"

The fact that I got an answer at all from a college band, is a good sign - to get a good answer is worth noting. "We're not trying to be some hippie jam band," they said. "We're trying to make the music more wholesome, keep it about the music."

Not an answer you'd usually hear from a college band playing at Nectar's, a venue long associated with hippie jam bands.

Number Five: Do people come and see them? Yes. Even on a rainy night, Nectar's was pretty much packed.

More than that even, everyone was paying attention, dancing and responding enthusiastically to the band.

Even during a couple of slow songs, the floor remained full, and everyone seemed to

be enjoying themselves. The earlier performance, Lewis Rapkin and Unit X, brought a fairly large crowd as well, and nearly everyone stayed for Greyspoke. As the night went on, the crowd grew and grew.

Number Six: Will they stick around? Probably. This is a band whose members have played together for more than four years - how many other Burlington bands do that?

Sure we see some stay together for a year or two, but even bands who see a reason-

able degree of success don't usually last this long.

In this case, that's a good thing. An original college band is a pretty special thing and deserves any respect they get. But what it really comes down to is this: on Friday night, Greyspoke played to a large crowd and everyone left with a smile on their face.

In the world of Burlington bars and college bands, what more can we really ask for?

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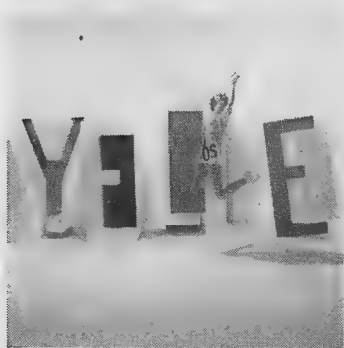


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# critical thinking

## Le POP Français!



**Yelle**  
Pop Up  
(Source etc. (EMI))

★★★★★

Normally, I don't watch MTV let alone listen to the crap they persistently advertise on commercial breaks

**Record Review**  
•  
**Magdalena Jensen**

However, this random French chick, Yelle, jumping around and spouting über-catchy tunes, made me reach for my laptop in a quick Parisian minute (whatever that means...).

This cute-as-a-button fille française just dropped her new record, Pop-Up, and it's worth sprinting to your nearest record store

(or torrent site) to get it.

Yelle (pronounced yell - the "e" makes it French, DUH) does not disappoint; she's catchy, cute, and never annoying.

While some might hear electro and RUN the other way, this is electro, as you've never heard it before - with a hot, sexy POP.

This album is innovative and fun.

Yelle has succeeded in spitting rhymes about her boy problems in a way that makes you want to jump up, shake your booty and laugh.

The album has two

standout tracks: A Cause des Garçons and Je Veux Te Voir, both with videos and remixes.

This petite fille is gaining attention - she's toured with Mika, was featured on MTV, and dissed French hip-hop group TTC on her first Myspace.com release.

So, don your neon sweatbands, hightop kicks, and bop around to this superb gem.

**Sounds like:**

Hot Chip  
M.I.A.

## DIGGIN' IN THE CRATES

WRUV's DJ Sparrow of "The Inverted Forest" says:

Since today it's supposed to be 51 (my GOD!) degrees! I've been thinking about summer. And like any other season, I associate the best one of all with a few healthy, beautiful albums. These are my picks for summer classics:



**Pavement: Slanted & Enchanted**

(Matador Records)

When he is 90 and has retired to a nursing home, Stephen Malkmus will still be the brightest crayon in the whole box, organizing a small backing band among his fellow residents and coolly, abstractly and oooh so seductively singing of how lame the world is. In *Slanted & Enchanted*, Pavement bottle California, the summer heat, garage jam sessions, and Lord knows what into one of the best indie rock albums ever made.

## Despite the name, there is more here than hype



**Fuck Buttons**  
Street Horrrsing  
(Atp Recordings)

★★★★ 1/2

O.K. first thing's first. The name. Fuck Buttons. Simple enough, right? But maybe not.

**Record Review**  
•  
**John McMillin**

I can't seem to figure out where to put the emphasis, on the "Fuck" or on the "Buttons." Is it "fuck buttons," like you're sick of buttons, or is it "fuck buttons," like you're really surprised to see some buttons?

Hey, this is important stuff to think about before you tell your friends and family about this great new noise band you just heard - you don't want to sound

like an idiot while saying their name.

This Bristol two-piece makes their brand of experimental drone by processing voice and synths through distortion and delay pedals.

While many bands of this persuasion attempt to alienate their audience through atonal drones, F.B. add gorgeous synth lines to the mix that wouldn't sound out of place on a Stereolab record.

With this there is a warm quality to their music that welcomes both schooled drone fans and newcomers alike. "Bright Tomorrow" says it all. With its steady kick

drum beat and delightful synth line, who wouldn't get down once the wall of distortion and screaming kicks in?

There is loads of hype surrounding this band; as I type the two songs on their MySpace page have been played 861 times today.

As one of the most accessible noise/ drone releases I've heard, this is a good primer for people interested in sinking into the uncharted textures of experimental music.

**Sounds like:**

Stereolab  
Merzbow

## Look out hipsters; Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea



**The Silver Jews**  
Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea  
(Drag City)

★★★★★

The Silver Jews' first album in almost three years, "Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea" is ambitious and beautiful.

**Record Review**  
•  
**Brett Burk**

While lead singer, David Berman's voice has faded to a gravely monotone (I know, I know, but it is more gravely and monotone); the band continues to string together powerful pop-songs and playful lyrics.

The lead-in track displays a sort of cowboy-epic sound. Slow, traditional country guitars and Berman crooning. As the album progresses Bergman's

darker voice sounds like a cross from his voice on "American Water" and Tom Waits, borrowing a lot, stylistically, from the latter.

The album follows up with a faster track, "Aloysius, Bluegrass Drummer" which is set to strong, fast pianos with a wandering rock guitar that will get you tapping your feet and shaking your hips. The album continues to flow through like a lake dancing on a shore, transitioning back and forth from slow ballads to much peppier numbers.

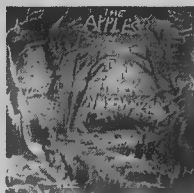
The Silver Jews add generously to their (in) famous list of witty one-liners with their latest studio album; "Talking

about insignificant shit, just like the crooks in the movies when they do that bit." These lines have always had a polarizing affect on listeners, generating resentment or respect.

The news of the Silver Jews album may be dwarfed by the news of Pavement's reunion, of which The Silver Jews is often (mistakenly) considered a side project, but the reunion cannot dwarf the power of the music on "Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea."

**Sounds like:**

Wilco  
Neko Case



**The Apples In Stereo: Fun Trick Noisemaker**

(Spin Art)

I'm willing to bet that your personal summer jams have a thing or two owed to a band belonging to the Beatles-inspired, oddly cute Elephant Six Collective. This album is enough to celebrate their consistently 60's pop/wigged-out-space astronaut-superhero-theme-song personality. A creative use of all kinds of electronic instruments makes you wanna celebrate that The Apples are still making music in this era. Check out their newest release, *Electronic Projects for Musicians*, for even more sweet stuff.

**The Zombies: Odyssey and Oracle**

(Big Beat UK)



The duo write bursting love letters to convicts and some girl who just won't lend an ear to their relentless heart pangs. What makes this album different from any other set of guy-loves-gal songs sung by a few fresh and young faces in the '60s? Perhaps excited chorus of "Care Of Cell 44"-you'll see how hard it is not to throw your arms up and belt it.

**Wilco: Summer Teeth**

(Reprise Records)



With some considering Summer Teeth Wilco's Revolver, it's no surprise how Jeff Tweedy can manage to take pretty terrible problems and translate them into some of the most vibrantly original melodies alternative folk-rock scene has ever heard. Some strong drums, piano, tambourine and hand claps thrown in make "Can't Stand It," "Shot In the Arm," and "Nothingsevergonnastandinmyway (Again)" essential radio blasters.

# Mmmmbop! Hanson is still at it and now they are all grown up

By MOLLY SHAKER

Features Editor

Hanson's back.

And on April 23 their upcoming tour calls for a performance at our very own Higher Ground in South Burlington.

Yes, we're talking about the same Hanson you're likely thinking about - the same three brothers that brought you "Mmmmbop" 11 years ago.

The funny thing is that Isaac, 27, Taylor, 25, and Zac, 22, just put out their fourth studio album. This might come as a surprise to those of us who obsessed over "Mmmmbop" and drooled over Taylor as teens and then, growing up, forgot about the Tulsa-bred brothers.

But last July, Hanson released *The Walk* - an album that not only reveals the band's musical growth, but also their maturation from boyhood to a sophisticated group of musicians seeking to leave their mark through charity and donation.

"We want to use music as a tool to do good and raise awareness," Taylor Hanson, now 25, told the *Cynic*.

*The Walk* brings Hanson listeners more than just an indie rock album - which is a far different sound than us mmmboopers would expect from the trio. Hanson's new sound has dubbed them as one of the best "straight-up rock" groups in America by New York publication *Village Voice*.

Along with the big steps that Hanson has taken in terms of their sound, the brothers are determined to use their talent as a tool for raising awareness about the disease and poverty that plague all of Africa, but South Africa and Mozambique in particular.

After a group of Hanson's friends from a Tulsa medical firm began donating technology to a hospital in South Africa to help fight HIV/AIDS, the brothers were inspired to take a trip to South Africa and Mozambique to leave their own mark, as well, Taylor said.

This was the trip that sparked Hanson's desire to use music as an aware-

ness tool. Staying in an orphanage in Mozambique, Taylor recalled being in awe of the optimism of people surrounded by such disease and poverty.

So, the band set up their laptops in the orphanage cafeteria and recorded the children's choir for "Great Divide" - a track off *The Walk*. "The choir is singing 'ngi ne themba,' which means 'I have hope,'" Taylor said.

After recording, Hanson decided to put the music to good use. "Literally all proceeds from 'Great Divide' downloads go to the Perinatal HIV research Unit in South Africa," Taylor said. "It can be as simple as spending \$0.99 on a song. It doesn't mean we must all go to Africa. It means we all have a role to play."

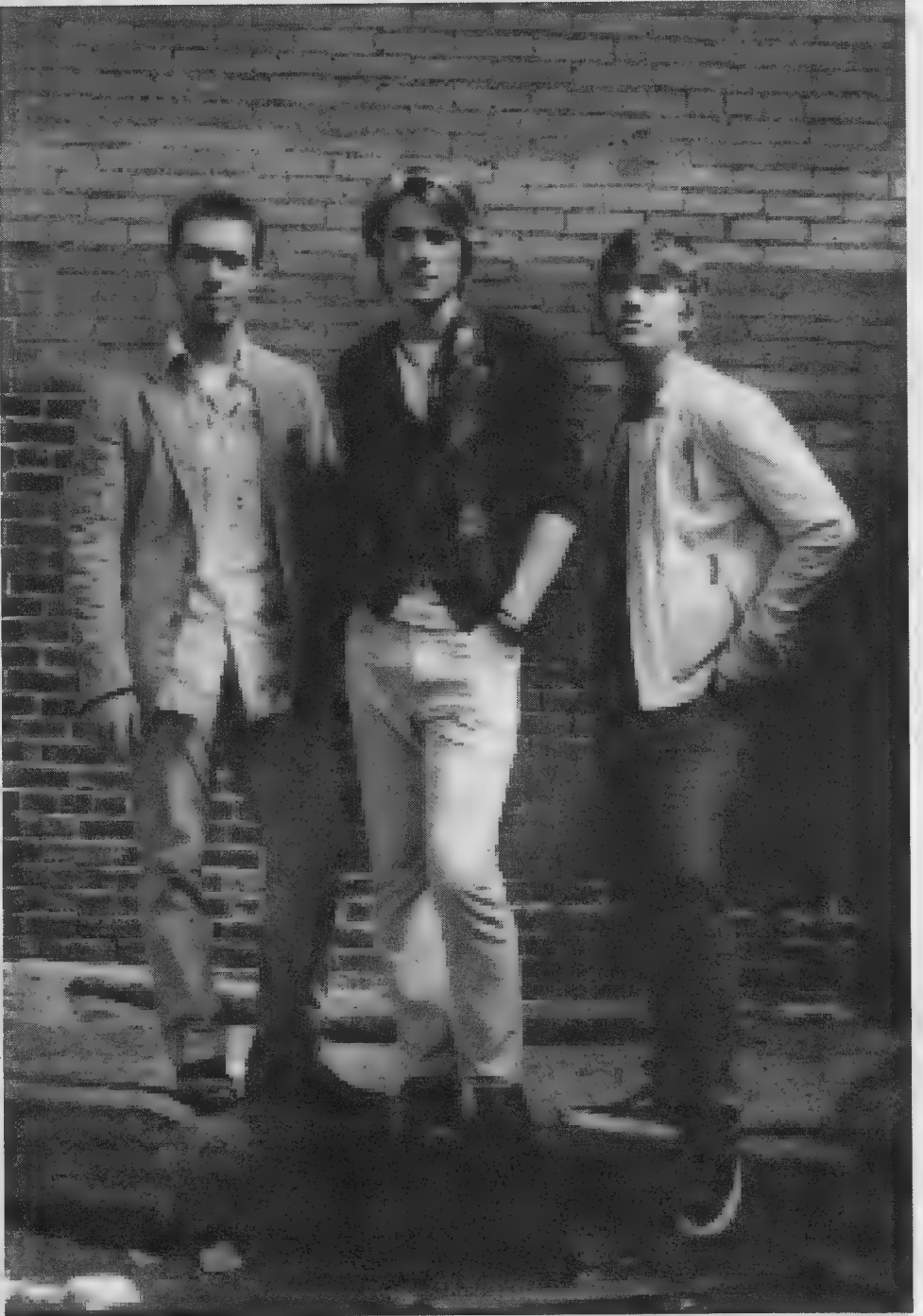
Hanson has taken their most recent album's title rather literally in their effort to expose people to Africa's poor conditions. The band kicked off their "The Walk Tour" with TOMS shoes - a business that donates a pair of their shoes every time a pair is bought, Taylor said.

"TOMS shoes had a goal of selling 50,000 pairs of shoes," Taylor said. "We did barefoot walks on our tour where everyone walked barefoot. We want people to connect with the idea that something that we take for granted like a pair of shoes, is so important."

With Hanson's support, TOMS shoes reached their goal. "We literally went to Africa and delivered the shoes," he said. "It was amazing."

When the Hanson brothers formed their band in 1992 - nearly 15 years ago - no one predicted that when they'd sing their bubble gummy tune "Mmmmbop" five years later thousands of fans would be singing along with them. In fact, the song was such a hit that the state governor declared an unofficial "Hanson Day" in the group's home state of Oklahoma, Taylor said.

And now, years later, the Hanson brothers - who are all married with children - continue to play "Mmmmbop". But Taylor is grateful for the band's devoted fans that aren't just following



Hanson is touring with their new album, "The Walk." Catch them at Higher Ground on April 23.

them around for a song they sang as children.

"We have really devoted, passionate fans," Taylor said. "Many of them were introduced to us with that song and when we play it, it's like 'Oh, yeah, that's fine. But we want to hear the new stuff!' But we do still play it. You'd also be amazed how similar it sounds even though we're much older. We're still very proud of it."

For Isaac, Taylor and Zac, life be-

fore Hanson is hard to imagine. "We started as a band when I was nine years old, so this has been most of my life," Taylor said. "We've always worked really well together. We know what each of us brings to the table now that we're older. We're kind of like an old married couple."

Hanson is scheduled to perform at Higher Ground on April 23 with Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers & Kate Voegele.

## Free pizza fails to draw an ample audience to genocide

By SARAH ANDERS

Senior Staff Writer

"Darfur Now" is a documentary that follows six people on their quest to effect change in a region fraught with

violence.

On Tuesday, April 1st, Students Taking Action Now Darfur or STAND showed this documentary to a half-full crowd. Apparently, even the promise of free Flatbread can't erase the prospect of two painful hours learning about

genocide.

Which is not to say that the film was boring. Filmmaker Ted Braun, skillfully interweaves the stories of six different people mobilized by the situation in Darfur.

Luis Moreno Ocampo is the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Adam Sterling is an earnest waiter/activist who feels that the genocide in Darfur "requires that we do something." Ahmed Mohammed Abakur is Chief Sheikh at a camp for displaced persons.

Don Cheadle is a Hollywood star attempting to leverage his celebrity into Darfur awareness. Pablo Recalde is a humanitarian who provides food to the camps of people who had to flee their villages. Hejewa Adam lost her child to the Janjaweed and now fights with the rebel army.

The film only briefly provides the facts, the basics of which are that the government-sanctioned Janjaweed are attacking the Sudanese people in the Darfur region, killing them, raping the women and burning villages. Currently, tribal fighting is also causing many deaths.

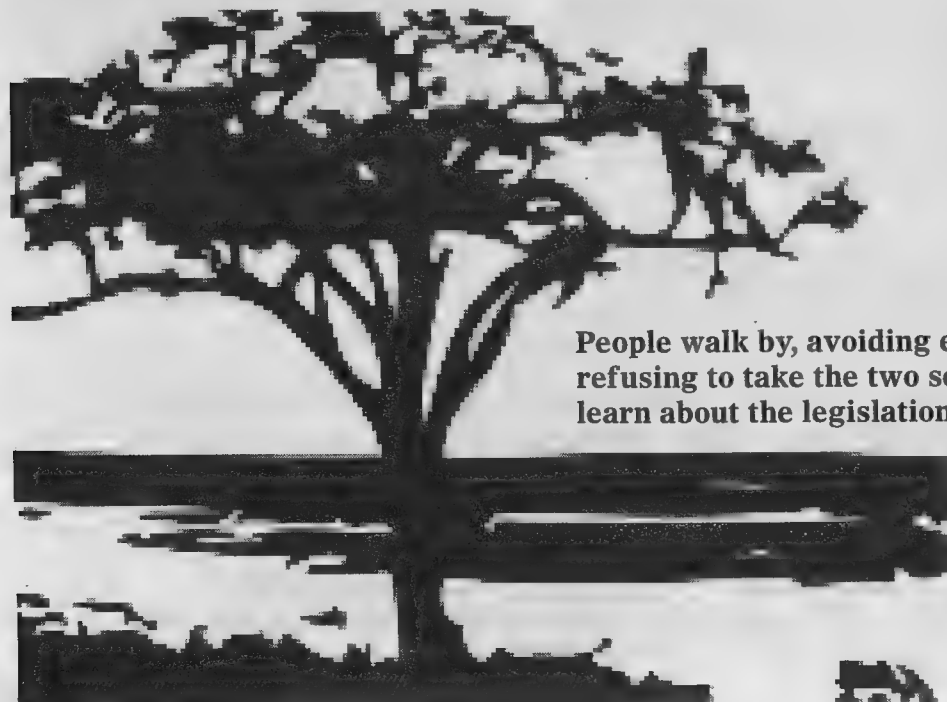
The crisis, as the film demonstrates, is hardly simple. What's undisputed, however, is the suffering and pain of the Sudanese civilians. During one meeting at a refugee camp, one man with tears running down his face cries, "This is too much humiliation!"

It is too much, it seems: too much pain, too much degradation. With over 200,000 people dead, the horrors of Darfur are difficult to face. They are difficult to watch, too, even in documentary form with a George Clooney cameo and catchy music. True suffering is awful to witness.

We can't turn away from it, however. There's a scene in the movie where Adam Sterling stands on the street with postcards for people to sign professing their support for legislation that would make it more difficult for the Sudanese government to procure funds.

People walk by, avoiding eye contact, refusing to take the two seconds necessary to learn about the legislation and sign the card.

STAND has many events in the upcoming month. They can be found at [www.uvm.edu/~stand](http://www.uvm.edu/~stand). STAND believes that your collective voices, if loud enough, may make a difference.



People walk by, avoiding eye contact, refusing to take the two seconds necessary to learn about the legislation and sign the card.



## The Steering Column

Car facts by Andrew P. Collins  
Cars You Can Look Rich In

If you're in the market for your next car, you might be surprised by how easily you could find yourself something with a sexy European name for the price of a rolling appliance from Korea.



Andrew P. Collins

All you have to do is be willing to go back (quite) a few seasons.

But you don't want to be seen in a Reagan-era rust bucket from the 1980's. You're trying to look rich here, right?

One of the most commonly associated cars with status is Mercedes-Benz. If you've fantasized about being seen in one but didn't think you could make it happen, check out the 300D and larger 300SDL sedans from the early '80's.

The "D" nomenclature indicates that these models are diesel-powered and this is one of the best attributes of these old Mercs. Diesel cars are much more fuel efficient than petrol versions, so although it usually costs more per gallon, diesel will save you money at the pump in the long run.

It also gives you the opportunity for a bio-diesel or vegetable oil powered conversion, which you can find out more at [www.noendpress.com](http://www.noendpress.com).

Next up is the Jaguar XJ6. The XJ6 is a very pretty sedan with four round headlights, chrome trim and a cool leaping-cat hood ornament.

While the price on a new Jaguar can approach six figures, you can have a decent one for less than three grand, according to the Kelly Blue Book.

XJ6s from the '70s and '80s are the best looking and cheapest, but more modern examples from the mid '90s can still be had for under \$5,000.

Moving up the sports car prestige ladder, even mighty Ferrari has older models that can be bought for less than an out-of-state semester at UVM.

Enter the 1980 Mondial 8. But before you get your hopes up, rest assured that \$20,000 worth of Ferrari is nothing like what you're probably picturing.

The Mondial 8 is slow, inefficient, unreliable and dreadfully ugly. In fact, its shortcomings earned it a spot on "Time Magazine's 50 Worst Cars of All Time."

All that aside, this car is the cheapest way to deal-sealing pick-up lines like, "I'll pick you up in my Ferrari," and of course "Wanna do it in my Ferrari?"

It should be noted that while these machines can be bought for relatively short money, they're not going to be too cheap to maintain. Also, the fuel efficiency of these cars won't impress anyone.

And, of course, just like fashionistas can spot which Gucci bags are from Chinatown and which are legit, real car enthusiasts will know driving an '80s Jaguar doesn't make you Mr. Moneybags.

But that doesn't mean you can't ride in vintage luxury for less cash than a new Kia.

## THE NEW WAY TO SAVE THE WORLD

One computer game helps feed thousands of hungry children around the globe

By HAYLEY JOHNSON  
Senior Staff Writer

There is finally a way to procrastinate that is both noble and useful.

[www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com), a way to sound smart and feel good about it, builds vocabulary intelligence while simultaneously feeding the world.

According to the Freerice homepage, people can play a vocabulary building game that consists of matching words to their synonyms. Each correct answer donates the money to buy 20 grains of rice to the World Food Program.

World Food Programme, a site that represents "the food aid arm of the UN," according to their mission statement, has also gathered a lot of attention due to Freerice.com.

According to National Public Radio, Freerice.com has "driven the most Internet traffic to the World Food Programme site."

Jennifer Parmelee, a spokesperson for the World Food Program interviewed by NPR, said the site has provided "the gift of awareness about world hunger."

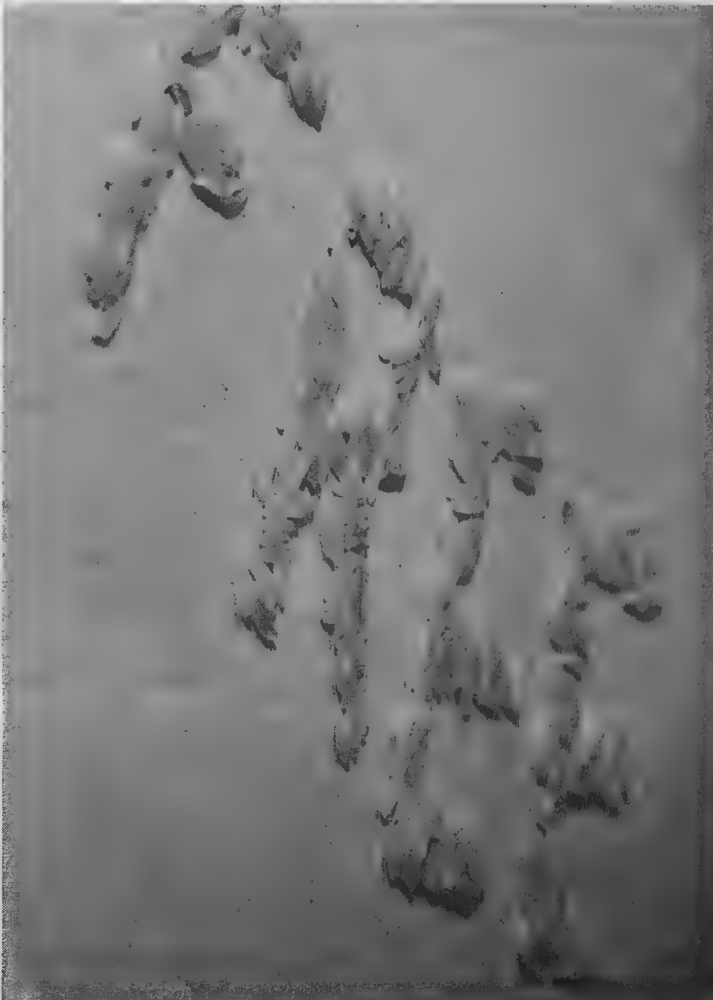
Freerice.com, as well as its sister site, Poverty.com, was started by a computer programmer named John Breen who began the site from his residence in Indiana to help his son prepare for the SATs, stated "The Christian Science Monitor."

According to "The Christian Science Monitor," after Poverty.com launched in January of 2007, Freerice.com was created in October of that year, and is one of the various websites that Breen began with a humanitarian goal.

By January of 2008, Freerice.com players had donated "more than 15 billion grains of rice...enough to feed more than 700,000 people for one day," said Jennifer Parmelee of the World Food Program.

The funding, totaling to enough money to cover 6,948,988,060 grains for the month of December 2007, gifted by Freerice.com to the World Food Program, is generated through a system of internet advertising, stated Freerice.com.

The advertisements are placed at the bottom of the screen of each new vocabu-



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

lary challenge. With each new question, the advertisers give Freerice.com enough money for that one question's rice winnings.

According to Freerice.com's FAQs section of the site, the advertisers can afford this because they earn money from the products that people buy after viewing their advertisements on the Freerice website.

All of the money earned

**According to the World Food Program Web site, ten different countries, such as Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Nepal, receive support from the efforts of Freerice.com.**

is donated to the World Food Program, as Freerice.com is a nonprofit website, stated Breen.

The rice distribution is not limited to only a few countries either. According to the World Food Program Web site, ten different countries, such as Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Nepal, receive support from the efforts of Freerice.com.

According to their Web site, even the purchasing of the rice itself assists in the fight against poverty and

hunger.

All of the rice is "bought in developing countries, keeping the cost of reaching the hungry to a minimum and boosting farmers' efforts to grow their own food," stated the site.

Beyond the rice provided by the World Food Program, the site states that their group provides school meals to the children of supported countries, providing "hungry children [incentive] to attend school and help them concentrate on their studies."

According to their Web site, the World Food Program also gives food to workers, allowing them flexibility to try new innovative agricultural techniques without as much pressure to find the necessary sustenance.

With both the World Food Program and Freerice.com, everyone has the ability for to help solve world hunger.

Any amount of money can be donated through the World Food Program to actively promote their humanitarian cause, stated the World Food Program Web site.

Even without some extra change to donate, anyone can help end hunger through the creation of Freerice.com. Saving the world one grain of rice at a time is just a mouse click away.

## A-broader view

American History

"You find no man, at all intellectual, who is willing to leave London. No, Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford," said Samuel Johnson.



Foreign Correspondent

Stephen R. Hausmann

The Good Doctor Johnson is a man to be listened to, for London is a glorious and, in the words of her citizens, a brilliant city.

I won't be claiming her to be "the best" of anything. For starters, I've never been to Seattle, Paris continues to elude me and Asia is still nothing more than a mysterious second half of the map.

It's not a perfect city either. New York is the city that never sleeps, and she is still a teenager to London's elderly attitude.

The Underground shuts down at midnight and the city's pubs turn off the taps typically around an hour prior.

Her layout is equally ancient and makes little sense to the novice explorer.

Trying to navigate her avenues and arteries upon my first visit, after being plunked down mysteriously in the middle of Soho at 11 at night, was an adventure to say the least.

But therein lies the rub. It was an adventure. Not a chore, not a worrisome ordeal. The pubs were emptying and most everyone was full of English bitter and the atmosphere was jovial.

Some of this surely came from being a wide eyed tourist finding myself for the first time in The Big City.

By the time I made it home, my neck ached from constantly craning upward, staring at the perpetual rows of quintessentially English-looking architecture.

But since that first occasion, I've returned countless times and from the minute the coach emerges from the wilderness of buildings and crosses Lambeth Bridge, suddenly there lies the sparkling Thames, Parliament and all the other Big Sights.

The difference between London and so many other metropolises is her ever present feeling of attainability. New York seems like she wants to crush you with her mighty girth, Milan like you are simply not cool enough to have her.

Even Burlington hides away many of her best secrets, only to be found by those who see fit to live there.

London surely has her fair share of these too, but in no other city can one stumble across such a glorious array of atmospheric pubs, time-travel inducing hat shops and multi story book stores on a single day's ramble through her streets.

More than any other city I've been to, London is welcoming.

Even when one is trying to find The Crown pub and there are three within a two mile radius, even when the Tube is closed and your hostel is on the other side of the river, it's difficult to feel anything but that the city is at your fingertips.

Dr. Johnson was correct, and it is a relief knowing I'm not tired of life just yet.

## "That's what she said ..."

A sex and relationship conversation with "Dr." Laura  
On-campus sex

Dear That's what she said,

My boyfriend and I are both graduating in May and lately we have been reminiscing about all our fun and crazy experiences. I realized there is something I have never done—have sex on UVM campus.

I'm not trying to get kicked out of school right before graduation, but what are the some good places to have sex on campus, if we decide to make one more wild memory?

-Sexual Senioritis

Dear Senioritis:

I decided, if you're going to go for the "sex in a public space" thing, you might as well go out all. Here's my top four UVM sex hot-spots, if you dare:

### 1. The Greenhouse

It's hot, it's steamy, it has glass windows — need I say more.

It's a risqué locale because its unlocked doors are open to the public, which brings in the much needed and super sexy 'getting caught' element.

In case you didn't know UVM had a green house or where its located, let me fill you in.

This hotspot is located in the Stafford building and can be accessed from the Hills/Rowell side or from an entrance next to the Davis Center.

Just look for signs pointing to the steamroom — I mean greenhouse.

Inside there's a water fountain and even a misty spray for when things get really hot. Just watch out for security — and cactuses.

### 2. Williams' Fire Escape

Now you might have heard of this spot because of its spectacular views, but here's a little math I learned in college.

Sunset + sex = ecstasy

As long as you or your partner aren't scared of heights, hit up the top of the fire escape around sunset, when campus is dead.

Make sure you wear a skirt for easy access and discreetness, so you don't put on a [total] show for any stragglers left on central campus.

The shaky old fire escape, the height, the wind and the view of Lake Champlain?

Come on it's a story you can tell the grandkids.

### 3. Bailey Howe

Now I know you're thinking this is a little cliché, and it is, but the library is a must on your sexual tour of campus.

If you're feeling a little shy, try late-night third floor in the stacks.

There the whole getting caught issue [turn on], the keeping quiet factor [turn on] and the endless library role-playing potential.

If you're feeling a bit more adventurous, try giving or receiving oral sex while in one of the cubbies on the third or fourth floor when you have no immediate neighbors.

Trying to stay quiet is half the fun, but remember that you risk getting 'shushed' during the act or banned from the library indefinitely.

Worth it? Absolutely.

### 4. Gender neutral bathrooms

Sex in the shower? Always an adventure.

Sex in the Davis Center shower? Life-long memory.

Hey they're there and I'm pretty sure only 1 percent of UVMers have ever showered in them.

SO why not put the showers to good use?

While you're lathering each other up and getting dirty, think of all the students walking by the door sadly on their way to class.

It will make the sex just that much better.

Because hey, college is all about making memories that you can reminisce about in ten years down the road when you're life has become mundane and you only have sex lying down.

But at least you'll be able to say, "You know what? I had sex on a fire escape."

[Disclaimer: The Cynic does not promote sex in any of these locations and is not liable]



## UVM students get a taste of what it's really like owning their own buisness

By CAITLIN BRICKER

Cynic Correspondent

Coffee, t-shirts, pins, trail mix, and hot dogs for sale!

Every semester for the past three years, students at the University of Vermont have transformed the campus into an extension of Church Street with one common goal in mind: to make money.

Dollar Enterprise, an activity that integrates all aspects of business: brainstorming, organizing, managing, marketing and selling, is offered by the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics through the course of "Introduction to Community Entrepreneurship."

Dr. Kathleen Liang, the instructor of the business class and the monitor of Dollar Enterprise, provides her students with the seed money for each new venture team: \$1 to each individual.

"This young generation has been so lucky and pampered—the kids take a lot for granted," Liang said. "It isn't until you sit there three times a day that you realize what goes into having your own business."

Each Dollar Enterprise team is responsible for gathering all the resources

# Money don't come easy



(photo illustration by Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Starting with only \$1, students must make a profit by selling goods such as t-shirts, coffee and hot dogs.

necessary to run their business. With only a dollar per person to start, the teams must work together and go through the same process as any other entrepreneur.

"Getting everyone on

**"Nothing comes easy. That is the most important lesson."**

-Dr. Kathleen Liang, professor of Dollar Enterprise class

the same page is the hardest part," sophomore entrepreneurship student Jared Alvord said.

"Nothing comes easy,"

Liang said. "That is the most important lesson."

Community Entrepreneurship is a renovated and extended version of UVM's original small business program.

Liang said the object of this activity is to learn teamwork, business planning, risks, challenges, and what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur.

The teams spend about one month prior to the start of their business to formulate a business plan and request permission from various UVM organizations.

Once the business preparation is complete, each team runs their business for three weeks during the semester in a number

of different campus locations.

At the end of the business activity, each team donates all proceeds to local charities and the Entrepreneurship Scholarship fund that has been established by Liang to assist future students.

So far, Dollar Enterprise has generated more than \$1,000 and total donations to charities have exceeded \$10,000, Liang said.

"Students are seeing that \$1 goes a long way," she said.

Students are also responsible for completing a business report and financial report, Liang said.

"Students do not have experience beyond getting good grades," Liang said. "Dollar Enterprise offers students the opportunity and experience that they can really apply."

Liang said that she will always run Dollar Enterprise with \$1 seed money, but she would like to expand the activity.

Since spring 2005, Dollar Enterprise has worked with many Vermont organizations such as Sodexo Campus Dining, Shelburne Orchard, Cheese Trader, City Market of Burlington, Miguel Stowe Away restaurant in Burlington and Klinger Bread.

Liang said she is proud to have received the award for United States Small Business Case and International Small Business Case in honor of Dollar Enterprise.

## THREAD BARE Bloggerific

While you cannot entirely escape the blasé drudgery that is this time of year in Burlington, you can put your ubiquitously present laptop to good use.

Don't be ashamed of the fact that you are on your computer 21 out of the 24 hours in a day, we all turn to that friendly little crutch in moments of — well, all the time.

But, what exactly do you do when you are bored of TextTwist, Facebook stalking and you've even read the NYTimes obituaries? I turn to fashion.

More specifically, I turn to fashion blogs.

"BLOGS?" you say aloud?

"NERD!" you think to yourself.

Ok, that may be. I may be a nerd because I religiously follow two or three blogs. But, it passes the time in a very visually pleasing manner (and

it's less work than reading the news).

Not only do these pictures provide me with color and visual stimulation (desperately needed as an alternative to staring out the window at ice, slush, brown mud and grey snow), but they provide inspiration.

It is undeniable that Burlington is a cool place.

Equally undeniable is the fact that Burlington is not the most fashion-forward place on this earth.

So, these blogs keep me in touch with the blossoming world of fashion in other hotspots.

Allow me to avail you of the wonders of fashion blogging. I have taken it upon myself to waste hours of my time to bring you the hippest, hottest, most-inspiring blogs in the blogosphere.

The best text-based fashion blogs I have read come from Glamour Magazine.

You know those funny pages in magazines that say: Check this on your website? Well, I actually finally did check out the Glamour website, and have been happily surprised at the blogs.

Slaves to Fashion, written by Jenny Feldman, is a great window into the world of fashion magazines, offering tips, collecting comments from readers, and providing a forum for everyday fashion chit-chat.

My favorite photo-based blog of all time is <http://www.thesartorialist.blogspot.com>.

Scott Schuman, the photographer and blogger, was named one of the top 100 design influences of the year by "Time Magazine."

He has an eye for detail, appreciation for individuality and an uncanny ability to capture the subject in such a flattering manner, no matter if they are walking down the streets of New York City, perched on a bench in New Delhi or walking through the Tuileries in Paris.

I check this blog obsessively as Scott posts photos daily, giving me new ideas to copy as I lay in bed planning my outfit for the next day.

Another great photo blog comes out of Helsinki; fitting since Scandinavia has been deemed by many as one of the most exciting places for street fashion.

[www.hel-looks.com](http://www.hel-looks.com) delivers great photos of people from all walks of life, plus a little text blurb about what the subject is wearing and what inspires them.

Another fave, also of Scandinavian origin, is <http://www.copenhagenstreetstyle.dk>. Though updated less frequently than the previously mentioned blogs, a sidebar provides links to other street fashion blogs based in cities around the world (it's an amazing reference guide!).

We all need inspiration once in a while, so why not take five minutes from your Facebook time, click on a few of my favorite blogs and see where it takes you? Happy viewing!



Magdalena Jensen



## BORED:

### The best blogs on the internet

By VIOLA KACI

Staff Writer

**WARNING:** These blogs are highly addictive and should be visited at your discretion

#### 1. Stuff white people like

[www.stuffwhitepeoplelike.com](http://www.stuffwhitepeoplelike.com) - This blog should also be added to itself as it's a fairly popular read. The amusement comes from the fact that the stuff "white people like," people actually like. Similar blogs: Stuff on My Cat.

#### 2. Bad Jocks

[www.badjocks.com](http://www.badjocks.com) - For any sports fans out there, this blog gives you the facts and the news but with a twist. The site itself tells the reader that it is a mix of "COPS and SportsCenter." The sports fans themselves recommend it. Similar blogs: Dead Spin, Off Wing Opinion.

#### 3. Notcot

[www.notcot.org](http://www.notcot.org) - This blog is like a mesh of art and science. It offers thumbnails of pictures which you can click on to get more information on the featured photo, which include new products, artworks, ideas -- basically anything for your amusement. Similar blogs: Cool Hunting, Gizmodo, Flickr.

#### 4. Jezebel

[www.jezebel.com](http://www.jezebel.com) - Of course, there's always celebrity news, and who doesn't love that? Well, this blog offers just that. It acts almost like an online magazine, only "without airbrushing." Similar blogs: Perez Hilton, [www.tm2.com](http://www.tm2.com).

#### 5. Haig Media

[www.haigmedia.blogspot.com](http://www.haigmedia.blogspot.com) - Basically, if you want to know the latest media news without leaving your room, this is the blog for you. A bit more formal than most, it can still amuse, amaze and inform. Similar blogs: Digg, Geeksugar.

#### 6. Hype Machine

[www.hypem.com](http://www.hypem.com) - Who doesn't like new and free music? Hype Machine collects all the new free music that is posted to blogs across the internet and then puts them in one place. Similar blogs: Pandora, Seegpod, Last.fm Radio.

## A.lcohol A.wareness:

### Changing the alcohol trend, one fact at a time

By SARAH ANDERS

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Although alcohol is prevalent on campus at all times of the year, April happens to be Alcohol Awareness Month.

To increase alcohol abuse awareness, on April 10 at 7 p.m. at Fleming 101, a screening of the Shaken & Stirred UVM film contest will take place, the capstone of the month's alcohol-related events.

In addition, new information about protective measures will be distributed, according to Diana Gonzalez, Alcohol and Other Drugs Education Director.

However, UVM will not be scheduling much programming for the month of April, choosing not to divert too much attention from their larger goal of subtly shifting campus alcohol culture.

"Alcohol is an issue at UVM's campus all year round, not just in April," Gonzalez said.

Vivian Garay, Assistant Dean for Retention and Assessment, echoed this sentiment.

"[Alcohol Awareness Month] builds upon the work that we're already trying to do," she said.

"It can be helpful in that it organizes people around a particular issue," Gonzalez said.

Still, she acknowledged, "a lot of alcohol awareness programs are pretty lame."

Garay spoke of wanting to "do things that send more subtle messages," pointing to the dry hall policy, which, though it does not necessarily curtail drinking, "conveys a message of expectation about behavior."

According to the UVM police services Web site, in fall 2007, 59 students were sent to detox. 76.2 percent had blood alcohol contents of greater than .16.

"Part of the UVM culture is that people kind of accept alcohol as part of the college experience ... Students don't question the degree that people misuse alcohol," Garay said.

Junior Daniel Turgeon sees the logic in Alcohol Awareness month.

"I think alcohol awareness is important in the sense that it teaches how to do it responsibly, teaches what implications there are if it's not," he said.

However, he is unconvinced of the unilateral wrongness of drinking culture.

"I think it [alcohol use] is either positive or negative, depending on the situation and the people involved," he said, adding that he felt UVM did not have a significantly different drinking culture than any other college.

Garay concurred, noting that, "every school has these is-



(Andre Melerba/Vermont Cynic)

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sues."

However, she added, "the northeast has historically had significantly higher drinking levels than all other sections of the country."

She speculated that because Vermont is in the northeast, and draws significantly from surrounding states, this could be a factor in heavy drinking among students and a comparatively pervasive alcohol culture.

Though Alcohol Awareness Month may not significantly change UVM students' drinking, a little awareness can go a long way.

"Even if we reach one or two people, that's good. Particularly on our campus, students don't question what their friends are doing and how it impacts them," Garay said.

"If one person says, 'Maybe I should talk to my friend about how much he's been drinking,' that's worth it. That's meaningful."

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"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill



# Helping Hands

For some UVM students, giving back to the community that we call home is just what they need [Page 12-13]



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## Issues arise for Tent City

By PAT LACLAIR

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A UVM policy regulating the construction of temporary structures on campus grounds caused a demonstration by Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) to be cut short last weekend, creating tension between student activist groups and the University administration.

The course of the demonstration known as Tent City, a protest typically consisting of approximately 35 students camping on University grounds from early April until after finals, was impeded by a recently-passed policy regulating the erection and maintenance of temporary structures on campus.

The policy, which deals specifically with the overnight occupancy of temporary structures, details that temporary structures are permitted only with prior approval by the University and that permits for overnight occupancy "generally will not exceed three consecutive nights."

Additionally, according to the policy, the placement of temporary structures at one site will not be allowed for more than 10 days.

Tent City organizers were aware of the policy, which was passed by the UVM Board of Trustees last summer, but found that they faced unexpected difficulties when attempting to work with the new regulations.

SLAP was told nearly two weeks after

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## Canadian Studies office closes

By SAM RUBINOFF

Staff Writer

UVM made headlines this week in the *Burlington Free-Press* as well as several Canadian newspapers, with the closing of the Canadian Studies office that is currently located in the Nolan House on Main Street.

Dean of Arts and Sciences Eleanor Miller, said the decision was motivated by financial and popularity reasons.

"It costs us \$35,000 a year for Canadian Studies to have a dedicated space and the only grant the Canadian Studies program had was \$9,500. So it didn't seem like a wise investment."

Miller said that "we are moving towards a global and regional studies degree that we hope will replace the international studies degree that we have now. It will have an emphasis on globalization instead of solely on interactions with [individual] nations."

Miller also mentioned that there are currently only two Canadian Studies Majors and three minors and that Canadian Studies is the only international program with its own office.

"It didn't make sense to give Canadian Studies a dedicated space when none of these [regional] programs have a dedicated space or their own administrators," said Miller.

Regardless of the administration's reasons, associated faculty and students feel

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## Dallaire speaks on Rwanda, current events

**Humanitarian and Force Commander of the failed UNAMIR peacekeeping efforts during the Rwandan Genocide of 1994 Romeo Dallaire spoke in a STAND co-sponsored speech**

By DANIELLE R. DIARBAKERLY

News Editor

Romeo Dallaire, humanitarian and former Force Commander for UNAMIR, the U.N.'s task force to attempt to keep peace between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups during the Rwandan genocide in 1994, called on the youth to make changes in the world today.

The sold-out audience in Ira Allen Chapel laughed when Dallaire defined youth as anyone under 30 because he said that his generation feared anyone older than thirty.

"You are leaders in an era that is not simple," said Dallaire. "The present is the reality of the state of humanity."

Dallaire said little about his personal experiences in Rwanda, but said that people need to take action.

While the entire world focused on the Tsunami in 2006 the media did not discuss Darfur at all, Dallaire said.

"Darfur was in a worse state, not one statement about Darfur, maybe those people don't count as much? What criteria did we use to go there and not there?" Dallaire said.

In a statement from an audience member read by Magdalena Jensen, she said that, "You are being modest, you are single handedly responsible for saving the lives of over 20,000 people."

Dallaire said that money is not the answer to the problems in the world.

"Can we in fact ash the blood off these people by throwing money at them?" said Dallaire.

The event was organized by UVM Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (UVM STAND) with 15 other co-sponsors.



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Romeo Dallaire, humanitarian, speaking at Ira Allen Chapel on Thursday. Dallaire worked in Rwanda to keep prevent genocide during the 100 day massacre in 1994. He spoke to call students to activism and use thier power as youth to make change in the world. UVM STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) sponsored the event.

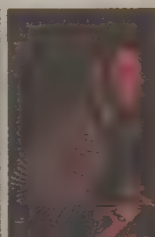
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"Dealing with the media is more  
difficult that bathing a leper."

— Mother Teresa



## Late SGA meeting gets business done, frustrates speaker

By MEGAN BRANACCIO

Senior Staff Writer

Despite the midnight hour, the Livak Ballroom of the Davis Center was brightly lit and full of commotion last Tuesday night.

The SGA met for their last business meeting of the year Tuesday, James "Jay" Taylor, the newly-elected SGA president said.

Josh Miller, the newly-elected vice president said that he had never seen a meeting so big and so long before in his three years on SGA.

During the meeting, nine resolutions were brought forth from four different committees, (all except Finance, Student Activities and Public Relations), outgoing SGA President Kesha Ram said six of them were approved by the Senate.

Alone, the Student Action Committee, of which Taylor is the chair, set forth three resolutions regarding the meal plan structure, opening paths around Athletic Campus and a lounge space audit, Taylor said.

"The most important part of the [lounge space audit] resolution was asking organizations if they could potentially use other space outside the Davis Center so that other students may use the space for studying and meeting with their peers," Ram said.

In addition, the Senate reviewed the changes made to the SGA Constitution by the Constitution Committee over the past few months and discussed amendments they felt needed to be made, she said.

One of the most important changes made to the Constitution was the addition of two senators, one on-campus and one off-campus, Miller said.

**"It's frustrating that half of the people didn't say anything, but were rolling their eyes and passing notes like they didn't care. It was hard to hold my composure at times too; it's not like I wanted to be there for five hours."**

**-Mike Glynne,  
SGA Speaker**

The role of the vice president was also changed to include the responsibility of office operations, Ram said.

"[The amendment] was a major highlight for me," outgoing vice president DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan said.

Michael Glynne, the Speaker of the House, was head of the Constitution Committee, which was composed of one member from each of the seven senatorial committees.

"I think the speaker tried to make the changes more dynamic, but didn't have enough command over the process," Ram said. She also said that this may have been one of the reasons that the meeting ran so late.

Glynne said that a challenging factor of the night was the fact that only 10 of the 40 senators were active participants in the debating process.

"It's frustrating that half of the people didn't say anything, but were rolling their eyes and passing notes like they didn't care," he said, "It was hard to hold my composure at times too; it's not like I wanted to be there for five hours."

Students who are not involved in SGA can also have a say in the Constitution and other legislation through referendums, which are the most unused part of the Constitution, Ram said.

Any student who gets 10 percent of the student body to sign a petition can bring it to the president of SGA, who must then schedule a hearing and take action on the issue, she said.

"The Student Government is the voice to the administration for students and students know they can hold us accountable for any issue we're not adequately addressing," Ram said.

This week's meeting will be the final farewells of graduating members of the Senate, and the inauguration of Taylor and Miller into their new positions.

The nominees for a new speaker will also be announced, Ram said.

The ceremony will take place in Marsh Lounge in Billings on Tuesday at 7 p.m., and anyone is welcome to attend, she said.

# SGA CHAIRS APPOINTED

By DANIELLE R. DIARBAKERLY

News Editor

With the semester winding down, SGA President elect Jay Taylor and Vice-President elect Josh Miller have been working hard to prepare for next year.

Taylor and Miller have spent the past couple weeks interviewing candidates for top SGA positions, Taylor said.

Each committee requires a chair. Applicants apply and are then interviewed by both Taylor and Miller as well as Blanka Caha, the business and accounting specialist for SGA.

Ben Porter has been unanimously selected as treasurer by Taylor, Miller and Blanca, out of 12 original applicants. The decision will need to be approved by the senate at the next meeting, Taylor said.

Porter formerly worked

with Alternative Spring Break, and Taylor stated that his experience with a financially successful club was important to his choice.

This year was the first year that the Committee on Diversity and Environmental Ethics existed. While the committee got off to a rocky start, Taylor said that it has really improved towards the end of the year.

"There are many students who don't feel that SGA represents them," said Taylor.

He said that he hopes that next year CODEE will change that.

Emma Kennedy will be the chair of the CODEE.

In addition, Steele Taylor will chair Academic Affairs, Drew Sander will chair the Student Activities Committee, Lauren Abda will take Taylor's former position as chair of the Student Action Commit-

tee, Ryan Krodel will chair the Public Relations Committee, Chris Shackett will chair Committee on Legislative Action and Kevin Issadore will chair the Finance Committee.

Taylor said that sometimes there are problems with SGA clubs because after recognition or de-recognition there is no follow up. Kevin Issadore would make sure that every club would have a liaison that they could easily get in touch with.

In addition to preparing positions for his term, Taylor has also been working closely to learn to the position of president with current SGA president Kesha Ram as Miller has been with current Vice President Davaughn Vincent Bryan.

"DaVaughn and Kesha have are going out of their way to prepare Josh and I," he said.

### Some of the SGA chairs appointed by Taylor and Miller



**Drew Sander**  
Student  
Activities  
Committee



**Chris Shackett**  
Committee on  
Legislative  
Action (COLA)



**Kevin  
Issadore**  
Finance  
Committee



**Emma Kennedy**  
Committee on  
Diversity and  
Environmental  
Ethics (CODEE)



**Ben Porter**  
Treasurer

(Photos by Thomas Ford Hutchinson/ Vermont Cynic)

## Who will be the speaker?

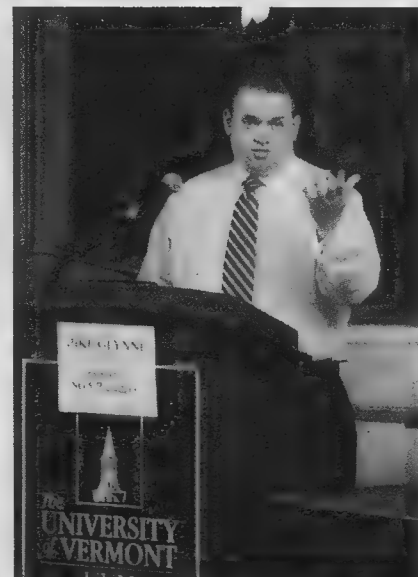
Current SGA Speaker of the House Mike Glynne lost the presidential election to Jay Taylor.

The speaker of the house is nominated by the SGA president and is voted on by the Senate.

Glynne has asked Taylor to nominate him so that he can renew his position, however two others have done the same.

Glynne will swear in the new senators at Tuesday's meeting and the Senate will vote on the speaker next Tuesday.

Taylor said that he and vice president elect Miller will not endorse any nominee because the speaker's role is to work for the Senate and they want the senate to make its own choice.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Mike Glynne, the current Speaker of the House, speaking at the SGA and Cynic sponsored debate last month. The speaker will be voted on by SGA next week.



## TENT CITY

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placing their permit request that, as expected, they would be given only 10 days out of their requested three weeks to hold Tent City, and that, of those 10 days, they would be able to camp out for three nights.

The difficulties arose when SLAP and allied student group Students Against War (SAW) attempted to take out another permit for an additional three nights of camping.

In a letter addressing the difficulties, SLAP detailed how SAW was told by Conference and Events Services and members of the administration that there needed to be a clear distinction between the two protests, specifically, that there could be no visual reference to livable wages around Tent City.

In the letter, which was sent last Tuesday to President Fogel and the Board of Trustees as well as other members of the UVM community, SLAP explained how the vagueness of the policy led to multiple and contradictory interpretations by CES and the administration.

The matter was brought to the attention of President Fogel Monday morning by SGA president Kesha Ram. SLAP claimed that "Fogel asserted ... that the livable wage subject matter need not be censored from Tent City." This news came after tents and livable wage messages had already been removed.

In a response to SLAP's comments, President Fogel apologized for the "unclear, contradictory communication on the Temporary Structures Policy," and expressed regret for "any inconvenience the situation has caused you [SLAP]."

Fogel excused the problems in his letter, writing that "the policy, which is relatively new, did not adequately anticipate multiple consecutive reservations by allied student groups."

Ultimately, SAW did receive permission to camp for an additional three nights, Wednesday through Friday, but the 10-day limit remained, meaning the structures at Tent City would have to be dismantled by last Sunday.

"Throughout the entirety of the planning for the two Tent Cities, we were given numerous interpretations of the policies," said SLAP in their letter, "This unconstitutional vagueness... will not be tolerated."

Although the text of the policy reads that its creation was "due to personal safety and regulatory compliance situations," some members of SLAP have suggested that the policy addition was meant to specifically target Tent City.

"The whole thing was to get us to fizzle out," said junior Elias Whitman, a member of both SLAP and SAW, at a livable wage meeting Tuesday.

"Personally, I believe Tent City provided some impetus for the restructuring of the policies," Ram said, "However, I do not believe members of the Senior Administration had the sinister intentions that some students think they may have had."

In his letter responding to SLAP's comments, President Fogel maintained the purpose mentioned in the policy, citing student safety and a Burling-

ton ordinance regulating the long-term presence of temporary structures as main concerns.

Several SLAP members have pointed to the fact that the policy was passed last summer, with no students around to provide input, as a sign of the administration's ultimate motivations.

Ram said the policy was proposed during last year's spring semester, but she does not believe students were able to voice enough input.

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**"I am certain this incident will be a catalyst for reviewing the policies with more student involvement and better communication to the student body."**

-Kesha Ram  
SGA President

communication to the student body," Ram said.

Regardless of the motivations behind the policy, many student activists in SLAP and SAW view the new limitations as a violation of their constitutional right to free speech.

"Because they were trying to control our messaging, it was a violation of our rights," said sophomore SLAP member Lindsey Gillies, "This is not about livable wages, it is about free speech."

On Monday, SLAP appealed

the policy to Conference and Events Services, but has not received substantial information regarding the future of Tent City after the permit is up on Sunday.

In anticipation of a possible eviction by the police Sunday, one member of SLAP commented that they were ready to take measures of civil disobedience in order to protect their rights.

At a livable wage meeting last Tuesday, there was talk of filing a complaint with the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), once all means of contesting the policy within the administration had been exhausted.

This is the third year that SLAP has held the Tent City protest. They identify it as their "most visible tactic" in fighting for livable wages for all UVM employees.

A livable wage is the hourly pay regarded as sufficient for a worker to meet basic needs. The livable wage for urban Vermont has most recently been estimated at \$13.94 an hour by the Joint Fiscal Office.

It is estimated that at least 250 employees at UVM are not earning that wage; however, President Fogel has maintained that the University is one of the most responsible employers in the state, offering some of the highest floor wages of any university.

The two previous Tent City demonstrations, and other actions by SLAP, have resulted in the creation of a livable wage task force by the University administration, as well as moderate wage increases that SLAP felt did not satisfy the livable wage criteria.

## NEWS SUMMARY

### INTERNATIONAL

#### KENYA

##### Peace sustained with national unity cabinet

The weeks-long deadlock in Kenya ended with President Mwai Kibaki's creation of a national unity cabinet on Sunday.

Raila Odinga, the top opposition leader, was appointed prime minister of the new cabinet and his party gained posts including local government and agriculture positions.

The ministries of finance and foreign affairs remained within Kibaki's party's control.

Violence began in Kenya after the disputed election in December, ending only with an agreement between Odinga's and Kibaki's parties to share power.

The new cabinet includes 94 people, which is almost half of the Kenyan Parliament and is the largest cabinet in Kenya's history.

#### SUDAN

##### Chadian rebels extend Darfur crisis

Ethnic battles in the Darfur region of Sudan continue into the borderlands between Chad and Sudan where Chadian rebels seek to remove Chad's president.

Both countries are supporting rebellions in the other country, pushing the crisis closer to clear war. Sudan supports rebels, who, in February, launched an offensive that reached the Chadian palace gates before retreating.

The lack of direction as to who would take power once Chadian President Idriss Déby was dislodged forced the resistance to turn back and regroup.

#### CHINA

##### Political problems continue Olympic controversy

Groups are using the 2008 Olympic games as a platform on which to demonstrate opposition to Chinese politics, activities that incited a nationalist backlash in China.

The demonstrations against the 2008 Games are seen by many Chinese as an attempt to disrupt the Games and hurt the image of China as a rising world power.

There are increasing calls for world leaders to skip the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in August, showing resistance to China's internal policies — the largest show of politics involved in the Games since the Cold War.

All information collected from The New York Times and the Burlington Free Press

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## NEWS SUMMARY

### NATIONAL

#### LOUISIANA

##### Disaster planning increases pressure FEMA

FEMA Travel trailers were dismissed as options to house victims of future disasters in February, but FEMA has yet to propose a feasible backup plan.

Houses made of shipping containers, which can be unfolded on site are the only alternative that has been tested and is somewhat popular, but has met with government resistance.

The July 1, 2007 deadline for developing a strategic disaster housing plan was not met by FEMA, although the agency hopes to meet a new, June 1, 2008 deadline.

#### NEW YORK

##### Muslim-Jewish tolerance promoted in commercial

Rabbi Marc Schneier, in conjunction with the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, taped a television commercial to promote tolerance between Muslims and Jews.

The commercial is to air during the month of Ramadan, which falls in September of 2008, and in October during the Jewish High Holy Days.

Schneier, five other rabbis and six imams recorded the commercial publicizing their condemnation of prejudice and intolerance between Muslims and Jews in hopes of fighting anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

#### NATION

##### Democrats to file suit against Federal Election Committee

The Democratic National Committee is calling for an investigation of Senator John McCain's withdrawal from the public financing system for the primary. A complaint was filed by the DNC in February, challenging McCain's ability to withdraw from the financing. The DNC plans to ask permission to sue directly against the McCain campaign if the Federal Election Committee continues without an investigation. The second suit can only occur after the 60 days allotted by the DNC's initial lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

#### VERMONT

##### Flood levels expected for Lake Champlain

Heavy rains and melting snow continue to raise Lake Champlain's already high water level.

According to measurements by the U.S. Geological Survey, the Lake's water level was .02 feet below the 100-foot flood stage level.

Throughout Vermont, the recent cooler weather has decreased the number of flood risks issued, but the already flooded streets are expected to remain so into the week.

Water started to flood properties at Burlington's Perkins Pier on Saturday and waterfront roads are expected to do so as well this week.

*All information collected from The New York Times and The Burlington Free Press*

## Rape Center opens new facility

By PAT LACLAIR

Cynic Correspondent

The Women's Rape Crisis Center (WRCC) moved into a new location on April 8, after struggling in an old basement which was too small for their needs.

The new center, a brick house at 336 North Avenue, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Vermont Governor Jim Douglass.

"Vermont is a very safe place," Douglass said before cutting the ribbon "but we still have some real problems... These services are more critical than ever."

The new building was desperately needed by the WRCC, which has served over 400 survivors last year alone.

"It's nice to know that there would be a population of people that I could find com-

fort in," said UVM freshman Emma Noakes of the center's services.

WRCC offers help to male and female victims of rape, sexual assault, abuse and other traumatizing types of victimization.

The new location offers a more spacious and inviting atmosphere for survivors, with an education center, a 'survivor space' for recovery and a conference room for group meetings.

The ceremony April 8 also marked the beginning of WRCC's capital campaign, in which they will attempt to raise the additional funds required to complete the sale of the new building.

However, the move to the new space has not been without difficulties. The center faced zoning regulations regarding the use of the formerly residential area, but found the City of Burlington was willing to work with WRCC to see that things moved forward.

## CANADIAN STUDIES

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that the closing of the Canadian Studies office is representative of the lack of administrative support for Canadian Studies over the past few years.

Paul Martin, head of the Canadian Studies Department, said, "You can't judge this by how many students are majoring or minoring in Canadian studies."

"The point is how many students are taking these courses and learning something about Canada, which has such a crucial relationship with the United States."

UVM offered 15 Canadian studies courses with a total close to 300 student enrollment this past year.

Canadian History professor, David Massell, also said that although the Canadian Studies program is currently only making \$9,500 in grants, up until 2005 UVM it was receiving an annual \$65,000 grant with SUNY Plattsburg and University of Maine Orono from the U.S. Government.

However, the UVM Canadian Studies program lost this grant because "administrative support was questioned".

Massell stated that losing this grant was an "embarrassment" and "a slap in the face".

Massell also said that he came to UVM eleven years ago because of its "national and internationally recognized Canadian Studies program," and now if Laval University or McGill University offered him a faculty position he would "strongly consider it."

Although it is unlikely that the closing of this office will directly influence course offerings in Canadian Studies, Martin thinks it will impact the strength of the program.

"It will definitely be harmful in accessing future grants ... grants look for evidence of

support from the University"

In addition Martin said, "We fear that we could lose our \$9500 grant. Aside from providing trips for students, it also provides additional research money for faculty."

On Tuesday, SGA passed an emergency business resolution that condemned the administration of its actions.

Scott McCarty, who headed this resolution stated that the closing of the office, "sends a very bad signal to students who want to study this and to the students who are already attending courses like History of Canada, Canada-American Relations and other courses."

Dean Miller believes that the overwhelming response to this decision is due to misinterpretation of the situation. "I am surprised about the uproar over the closing of this office and I think it's mostly because of misperception that we are killing Canadian studies on this campus."

She maintains that UVM is still committed to Canadian Studies, stating, "We just had a conversation with Laval University and we are looking to establish a vital exchange of students and faculty and I think that is good evidence that it's not that we aren't interested in Canada."

While Martin is enthusiastic about the early prospects of this exchange program he maintains that closing the Canadian Studies office sends a mixed message.

"Here is a moment where Canadian Studies has the opportunity to grow. This relationship with Laval will increase the pertinence of Canadian Studies on campus which will result even more of a need for an office."

Although the future for the Nolan House is not final, Miller thinks that part of the space might house the expanding Holocaust Studies program until Billings is renovated and possibly the global studies program several years from now.

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- 2: in denial : refusing to admit the truth or reality of something unpleasant <a candidate *in denial* of defeat due to her enormous ego>



### STAFF EDITORIAL

## Staking down Tent City

For all the criticism, Tent City could be regarded as a complete success in at least one sense — it stirred up a lot of debate.

So let's give them some credit. Their protests are an extension of a long and proud tradition here at this University. And, during a time when there is much to be angry about, they are among the few voices on campus pushing for social change.

Their energy and dedication is something to be admired.

But in some ways, this year's was unlike the Tent Cities of previous years: the general attitude around campus seems to be one of disdain, the event was much smaller and the urgency and necessity of the campaign seemed to be lacking what it has had in previous years.

Which is why the debate seems less centered on the merits of a livable wage, but instead on why, exactly, those protesters are there.

And *The Cynic*, too, is skeptical.

While the general aims of the protest are good, the participants failed to adequately articulate the reasons for their demonstrations, what they hope to achieve and how they want the school to achieve it.

What exactly is a "livable wage," and what does it mean to work for a wage that is not "livable?" What are the costs and benefits of implementing a program of livable wages?

We don't doubt the protestors have all the answers to these questions. What we do doubt is if the average student walking by the signs knows anything beyond the vague idea of paying employees more money.

The protestors have not spelled the issue out. Instead, they have made demands, and appealed to what they think of as a higher moral calling, but they have not reached out to students and faculty on terms other than their own.

And we are skeptical when the protest consists largely of drumming and when the "residents" of Tent City house themselves in the relative comfort of high-end tents and expensive camping equipment. How much of this is fun? How much of it can justifiably be fun if this is a protest?

In other words, where is the sacrifice?

But, no matter the cause and no matter how well-articulated that cause is, it is never OK for somebody to use a position of power to unfairly influence another's ability to speak.

If the protesters are to be believed, it appears that the University administration is abusing its power.

If a government, a private organization or a school disagrees with the aims of a protest, it is their job to articulate and justify their own opposition. It is their job to express, in a convincing way, why their position is the correct one.

But it is not their job to silence the voices with which they disagree. They can shout back, they can drown them out with their own voices, they can show their conviction through numbers, but they cannot just push them out.

UVM is a place where students are driven and encouraged to become better citizens of their community and, more importantly, the world. They are encouraged to learn and to speak up for what they believe.

These are freedoms we all enjoy and often take for granted.

It is vital that the voices of dissent never be destroyed because every single one of them is immensely important for the growth of free thinking, safe, academic environment. Every voice is a necessary piece of the whole — no matter how inarticulate, or even foolish, they may be.

### COLUMNIST

JULIA GABRIEL MICHEL



## The Tao of chicken

Everyone's had those conversations.

The ones where there's an awkward silence and then both parties start talking at the same time and then both stop and then start again and then one says, "Please, you go first," to which the other politely declines and asks the other person to go ahead.

They're stupid.

The same thing happens at stop signs, when one car tries to give the other the right of way and the two drivers just end up shooing the other person on, then pressing the gas, then seeing the other person inch forward, they slam on the breaks.

It's like a game of chicken.

For some reason, these were the images that popped into my head when I was making plans for the summer, when I was thinking about study abroad and when I was talking to my dad about future careers.

As if, when I was thinking about certain elements of my future, I was waiting for something big to happen to make the decisions for me. I was waiting for the other person to ask me to speak first, to allow me to pull my car in front.

As if our lives are just one big game of chicken. One large awkward, interrupting conversation, a stop-sign intersection with two cars each willing to give the other the right of way.

Sometimes it just seems like so much is based on the constant back and forth of other people, on situations out of our individual control. And instead of acting proactively, we

**There's always that broad lesson of give and take, and though it's cliché, it's important to remember.**

formulate future game plans in reaction to the people and situations we find ourselves in but don't necessarily choose.

There just comes a point when you can't wait for others to make up their minds.

It's not as if all of the weighing pros and cons, all of the thinking back and forth, and listing all of the positives and negatives can be overwhelming.

But in spite of all of this, I'm not chickened out.

When it comes down to it, you're not allowed to be. No one should go through their lives making all decisions solely based on themselves, just like no one should attempt to base all decisions on external factors.

But it seems that balance exists between being overly aggressive — the person that always talks over the other, the car that always goes ahead—and always being the person who gets interrupted and left in the dust. To continue with the chicken metaphor — and all this talk has kind of made me crave KFC — I'll call the first person the "fryer" and the second person the "chicken."

So can you learn a lesson from a four-way intersection, those awkward conversations and KFC?

I see three points. There's always that broad lesson of give and take, and though it's cliché, it's important to remember.

But there's also a more subtle lesson here about knowing yourself. If you're stuck in a pattern of always being one or the other — or others point it out — it's probably a signal that you need to do something to change the pattern.

Finally, it's important to keep in mind that in certain situations, you might choose to temporarily be the chicken or the fryer.

But the real chickens in life aren't the people that are always getting walked over or always walking over other people. They're the people who know that they're chickens or fryers — people who aren't choosing to be so temporarily — and don't do anything about it.

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MICHAEL FARLEY II

## Earning merit

The other night I attended Christian Parenti's talk on "Climate Wars," an anti-war lecture focused on the rhetoric of global warming used as a weapon.

As I sat there, listening to fresh, new ideas by this well-spoken activist, rather than a half-stoned hippie living in a tent, I wondered where the rest of my anti-war activists were. Probably out getting half-stoned too, I thought.

I did, however, see some incredible things there as well as hear some even more incredible arguments.

A strong majority of the people there were, I would say, at least over 40.

This puts down the myth that the baby-boomers really don't care about our climate and are dead set on letting the issue of global warming fall entirely on our generation's shoulders.

I don't want to say I didn't see any other students there besides myself; that would be a blatant lie, because there were a number of students there.

Most of them were listening intently; others got up to leave no more than 20 minutes into the talk.

One student pulled out a *Cynic*

about halfway through, and I thought to myself: "At least he's well read." Then he flipped to the Sudoku section and began madly filling in the numbers; I guess the talk just wasn't up his wannabe activist alley.

This is where I've got to take up the fight and be an anti-activist activist. If that makes any sense.

I wonder what you activists do when you're not pontificating to one another, or whining about the capitalist dogma you refuse to buy into but do every day, because, let's face it, there's no way to avoid it. You need have more than just have a "reason" to protest. Do more than hunger striking or marching naked, and more than building a Tent City.

As Martin Luther King Jr.

said, "what's the use in a lunch counter sit it, when you still can't buy anything?" What's the use in protesting, if no one is going to take you seriously enough to

pay attention to you?

How do you get merit, you ask? Well, you're all on the right path if you're reading this: get educated.

Drop the motif that you will be accepted no matter what you look like; you won't. Marching on the president's office, demanding livable wages looking like you've slept under a bridge won't get you anywhere, because no one is taking you seriously.

Honestly, kids, I'm all for protest, but it's time to put away the bong and granola, take a shower and earn some merit.

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TOM MERTZ

## The pro-war vet

John McCain has had an amazing military career — he is the archetypal American military man, and his presidential campaign often references his unique history of military service.

But they haven't proved that military service qualifies someone for the White House.

McCain joined the Navy after graduating from the naval academy. He became a pilot and dropped bombs on the Vietnamese (god damn communists). In 1967, he was shot down and was held as a prisoner of war for five and a half years.

According to his Web site his plane was hit by an enemy missile, forcing him to eject. He was knocked unconscious, broke both his arms and leg during the ejection and was captured by the North.

During his time as a POW, his web-site states that he was denied medical treatment, was routinely beaten and was tortured. The effects that this has on a person should not be taken lightly. The man simply can't be the same after going through that.

Should we feel horrible and sorry that this happened to someone who was risking their life for their country? Absolutely.

Should we use this as a lesson in

disowning torture as evil and a horrible thing to do to someone? Without question.

There is no doubt that John McCain's story is a disgusting tale of truth during war, but these are not qualifications for the White House. In fact, his time as a POW may make him less qualified. And his experiences in Vietnam, which surely color his attitude toward war, seem to have done no good for the candidate — he has said he is fine with the prospect of the U.S. remaining in Iraq for over 100 years.

And he also has confused the different sides of the Iraq civil war.

Last Tuesday, in questioning Gen. David Petraeus he confused insurgent groups in Iran (Shiite) with Al-Qaeda (Sunni). Only one of many occasions in which he has shown minimal knowledge about the actual situation there — he is not keen on the details.

Is there a chance this could be from his military days?

His policies and broadly generalized ideas about Islam and the Middle East sound strikingly similar to the type of unreason that plagued the Cold War.

For someone who was a victim of war and knows firsthand how devastating it is, he seems a little too pro-war. He must know that war results in innocent people dying all the time. Why doesn't he fight against this using his personal history as

evidence?

I feel bad that the man had to go to war and was tortured. I feel bad for anyone who goes to war. I think we should strive to make war something that can only be read about in history books.

An ideal candidate should hold similar views.

War does not make great thinkers

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Diverted attention

Here's a demonstration, if anyone was looking for one, of how awful most of our media are. Remember the week of bowling Obama? He went bowling on March 29.

Two days before that, on March 27, Michael Mukasey, the recently appointed Attorney General, was in San Francisco, lying to the Commonwealth Club.

In his speech to the public affairs forum, Mukasey said this, "[Officials] shouldn't need a warrant when somebody with a phone in Iraq picks up a phone and calls somebody in the United States, because that's the call that we may really want to know about."

And before 9/11, that's the call that we didn't know about. We knew that there has been a call from someplace that was known to be a safe house in Afghanistan and we knew that it came to the United States. We didn't know precisely where it went."

Mukasey then appeared to choke up a bit, and continued, "We've got 3,000 people who went to work that day and didn't come home to show for that."

A couple of weeks later, Lee Hamilton, vice chairman of the 9/11 Commission, responded to Mukasey's statement, saying, "I am unfamiliar with the telephone call that Attorney General Mukasey cited in his appearance in San Francisco on March 27."

The 9/11 Commission did not receive any information pertaining to its occurrence."

If Mukasey were telling the

truth, though, that would be a bigger scandal. In this scenario, Mr. Mukasey would still be lying.

He implied that the reason our intelligence agencies could not intercept that fateful call was because they needed a warrant and couldn't get one. That is false; under FISA (ah, FISA, we barely knew ye!) there is no warrant requirement to eavesdrop on non-citizens living in other countries, whether they're calling the U.S. or somewhere else.

Even supposing the law did require a warrant, the government is still allowed to start wiretapping and seek a warrant up to 72 hours later.

The thing is, the administration has been wiretapping Americans' phones for years now. They've broken the law. Everyone knows it; they've pretty much admitted by trying to bully Congress into passing retroactive immunity for the telecoms that helped the government break the law.

And now the Attorney General, the man charged with enforcing the nation's laws, is lying in order to preserve the fiction that this lawbreaking is justified.

Respectfully,  
Solvei Blue, Class of 2008

### Proud to be progressive

As someone who was not called by *Cynic* writer Kensington Moore in his recent article regarding the upcoming fall elections of your State Representatives, I would like to offer some perspective on the issues

that Rep. Chris Pearson and myself bring to the table. In particular, I will touch on our perspectives as two of the youngest Representatives in the Statehouse.

Chris and I are both UVM graduates.

We both have 100 percent records on the following issues, the environment, sustainable agriculture, peace, labor, affordable housing, renewable energy, reproductive choice, gender equality, sexual identity, marriage equality, religious freedom, progressive taxation, you get the idea.

We believe this represents the views of the majority of our district.

We are fortunate to have a district with many young adults, families raising kids and seniors, too.

Rep. Chris Pearson and I have represented change at a local level that many crave at the national level. He and I both belong to the Progressive Party. In most of the country third parties are not viable and don't get elected.

But here in Vermont, with Sen. Bernie Sanders leading the way, we have shown that independents and third party representation plays a valuable role — often exposing Democrats and Republicans when they fall short on the issues.

In the political arena it has been Progressives who have led the fight for better ballot access for young people, when local Democrats pushed for restrictions against college students. It has been Progressives who were 100 percent against the invasion of Iraq, since before the invasion occurred.

It was Progressives who voted 100 percent for marriage

equality when less than 50 percent of the Democrats did (back in 2000, we also supported Civil unions along with a majority of the Democrats).

It was Progressive Anthony Pollina who, during his candidacies for Gov. in 2000 and Lt. Gov. in 2002, put the issues of higher education and prison spending on the table. The correction budget still grows but there is growing recognition we need to come up with different options.

You have the opportunity this fall to be involved. You can help change the course of our nation by coming out to change our president. But you can also be involved locally and at the state level. You can choose to keep pushing the envelope for change by supporting Anthony Pollina for Governor and by re-electing Rep. Pearson and me.

Change is more than a buzzword. It is an action. It takes dedication and time. I hope you'll consider getting involved in our campaign locally, or one statewide, that will actually produce policy changes.

But at a minimum, please be sure and vote. It's important to act to keep the progressive movement in Vermont moving forward. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Rep. David Zuckerman

### Bad Mertz!

Tom Mertz, in his incoherent rant about Tent City, fails to take several issues into account in making his "argument." First is cost of living expense. The 2007 Joint Fiscal Office report lists the livable wage at \$13.94 because, given

the cost of living in Vermont, that's how much one would need to make to be able to afford rent, gas and food.

Mertz assures readers that since he and his buddies can afford to live in Burlington on less, then certainly so should UVM employees — some who have kids and family to support, medical expenses, etc. I would be curious as to whether Mertz could raise a few kids on less than \$13.94 an hour. Probably not.

In regards to people living on less in other countries, the cost of living once again comes into play. While someone in, say, Thailand might make much less than \$13.94 an hour, the cost of living there is far less than in Vermont and the U.S. in general.

And as a general rule, using underpaid overseas workers as an example in this case does not make for a very strong argument. I would encourage Mr. Mertz to look into the living conditions those workers have to put up with.

Finally, why not go to the source if you think that workers making under \$13.94 an hour have it so easy? I'm not so sure they would feel the same way. Maybe living on less than a livable wage as a college student is easy, but one has to ask if one could make ends meet on that wage as someone with a family or kids to support. Again, probably not.

Respectfully,  
Charlie Brondel, Class of 2008



## This Week

Tuesday, April 15 - Monday, April 21

### TUESDAY, April 15

Baseball  
vs. Siena  
Centennial Field, 5:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, April 16

Track and Field  
@ Holy Cross Multis  
Worcester, Mass., TBA

### Baseball

@ Quinnipiac

Hamden, Conn., 3 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

@ Boston College

Westwood, Mass., 5 p.m.

### THURSDAY, April 17

### Track and Field

@ Holy Cross Multis

Worcester, Mass., TBA

### FRIDAY, April 18

### Baseball

VS. Stony Brook

Centennial Field, 3 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

vs. Oregon

Moulton Winder Field, 4 p.m.

### SATURDAY, April 19

### Track and Field

@ Dartmouth Invitational

Hanover, N.H., 11 a.m.

### Baseball

vs. Stony Brook

Centennial Field, 12 p.m.

### Softball

@ Maine

Orono, Maine, 12 p.m.

### SUNDAY, April 20

### Women's Lacrosse

@ Binghamton

Vestal, N.Y., 12 p.m.

### Softball

@ Maine

Orono, Maine, 12 p.m.

### Baseball

vs. Stony Brook

Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

@ Albany

Albany, N.Y., 1 p.m.

# 2008 NHL Playoff picks

*Dakota Rubin Editor-in-Chief*

East: Penguins over Canadians  
West: Sharks over Avalanche  
Stanley Cup: Penguins over Sharks

*Joanna Benjamin Asst. M.E.*

East: Penguins over Canadians  
West: Sharks over Avalanche  
Stanley Cup: Penguins over Sharks

*Jason Bushey Sports Editor*

East: Capitals over Canadians  
West: Avalanche over Red Wings  
Stanley Cup: Capitals over Avalanche



*Zach Parker Senior Staff Writer*

East: Penguins over Canadians  
West: Ducks over Sharks  
Stanley Cup: Ducks over Penguins

*Jake Ahrens Senior Staff Writer*

East: Penguins over Rangers  
West: Red Wings over Avalanche  
Stanley Cup: Red Wings over Penguins

*Austin Danforth Senior Staff Writer*

East: Capitals over Canadians  
West: Sharks over Red Wings  
Stanley Cup: Sharks over Capitals

## Softball earns first America East wins

### Cats halt long losing streak with conference wins against Siena

By JAKE AHRENS

Senior Staff Writer

The UVM softball team swept both games of a double header on the road against Siena last Tuesday afternoon.

The next day, they dropped both games against rival Albany.

Then this weekend, the Catamounts took the three game

series at Binghamton, losing the first game but winning the next two.

These games extend the softball's team record to 10-20 on the season and 3-8 in American East play.

The big story coming out of the losses to Albany was senior Kate Haber breaking the school's record for most hits in her career, pushing the mark to 144.

In both games versus Albany, the Catamounts played tough, holding a 2-2 tie near the

end of the game, only to lose it coming down the stretch.

In the first game, the Cats tied it up at two a piece in the top of the seventh, only to give up the game winning run on an error. In this game Haber broke and set the record, going 2-4 at the plate, with one RBI.

In the second game, senior Aimee Kern pitched a complete game, striking out three and giving up six hits, with only one earned run, again errors being the issue and the reason Albany won.

In the second game of the double header with Binghamton, Haber was the star, going 3-4 at bat with three RBIs.

In the final win over Binghamton, the Cats exploded in the fifth inning, scoring nine runs and cruising to a 13-4 victory.

Earlier this season, the team had a 10 game losing streak, but has rebounded nicely, winning six out of 11, before dropping the two to Albany.

The Cats will face off against Maine this weekend.

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The UVM softball team meets at the mound during a game last year. The Cats home opener is April 23 vs. Albany. The Cats improved to 10-20 overall this weekend by taking two of three games against America East rivals Binghamton.

## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Good Week for Albert Pujols

Having questions about his health entering this season, Pujols started off slow before hitting his first and second home run of the year in a win over the Houston Astros.

On top of all this the Cardinals have shot out of the gates winning seven out of their first nine games.

### Bad Week for Miami Heat

It is always a bad week for the Heat. They have fallen to a record of 14-64, easily the worst record in the NBA, and have lost 18 out of their last 20 games.

To see how far they have sunk, just look at their roster. The Heat have five players on their team who were undrafted coming out of college, and none of their starters were starters at the beginning of the season.

### Mixed Week for the NHL

As the Stanley Cup Playoffs have begun and the NHL's two most exciting young superstars — Alex Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby — are in the playoffs together for the first time, there seems to be some excitement flowing back into the league.

Good luck seeing these games, though, as NBC is the only national network which is broadcasting any of these games, and very few at that.

### Bad Week for Gene Upshaw

With no clear case or complaint against him, Baltimore Ravens kicker Matt Stover looked to launch a campaign to find a new NFL Players Association head to replace current NFLPA head Upshaw.

Stover's plan, which has received mixed support from other players, looks to have a new president in place by March 2009 in order to handle the impending labor talks with NFL owners.

### Weird Week for the Rivalry

A week after a girl named Alexa Rodriguez was attacked by a hawk (?!), while touring Fenway Park, another weird story has developed out of the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry this week.

A David Ortiz jersey was dug up from the new Yankee Stadium on Sunday. The jersey was buried in cement by a member of Red Sox nation, who was working construction for the stadium, in an effort to jinx the Yanks.

So much for the Curse of Big Papi.

### Good Week for Hockey East

At least the UVM men's hockey team can find solace in the fact that they lost to the champs.

Two weeks after ending the Catamounts season in the Hockey East Conference Tournament Championship, the Boston College Eagles defeated Notre Dame last Saturday night, 4-1, to take home the National Championship.

The Eagles were the first eastern team to win the title since 2001. Way to represent!



(0-1-0)

Last week's Memphis-Kansas national championship was an instant-classic.

Where did this game rank in terms of the all-time greatest NCAA basketball championship games?

**JA:** Kansas and Memphis put on a show last Monday when the Jayhawks came back from seven points down with two minutes left in the game only win in overtime.

This game is easily in my top three for the best NCAA Men's National Championship games. It is right up there with UNC over Georgetown in 1982, Michael Jordan's coming out party, in which he hit the game winning jumper as the clock ran down. The other game is Villanova's 1985 upset over Georgetown, a #8 seed dismantling a #1 seed.

Last second heroics and overtime makes the 2008 National Championship game one of the best in history.

**LM:** I don't know where that game ranks on my list of all-time greatest NCAA basketball championship game. However, I guess I would put it in my top 15, maybe top 10.

Chalmers' three to tie was incredible, but what was more incredible was Memphis's inability to hit free throws down the stretch.

I didn't like Memphis' game plan to do a bunch of pick and rolls instead of playing the way they have been playing the entire season.

It is my opinion that Memphis got beat by Memphis, not by Kansas. An all time great game has to be when both teams are playing at full throttle.

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JAKE AHRENS VS. LANCE MILLER

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY



(3-1-1)

NHL playoffs are under way, with the east particularly interesting thanks to Alex Ovechkin's hot streak and Sid the Kid.

Which young superstar has the best chance of raising Lord Stanley's cup?

**JA:** Ovechkin is the favorite for the Hart Trophy, and Crosby will someday own the NHL, but neither will raise the Stanley Cup this year.

I have the Detroit Red Wings winning it all. They are playing lights out coming down the stretch, losing only three games in the month of March.

It would be great to see Sid the Kid versus Ovechkin in the playoffs this year, but neither has the supporting cast to win the championship. Two of the most talented, young athletes in the sport will probably one day win the Stanley Cup, but not this year.

**LM:** Who knows? The truth is, the NHL playoffs, a half a year long, is a freakin' crapsheet. It's like playing another season.

I would say Crosby has the best chance, simply because his team has more vets and Crosby is buck-nasty. Also, when Crosby was injured with an ankle sprain, the Penguins stepped it up in his absence and held on to a playoff spot.

Not to disregard Ovechkin's skills; the playoffs are all about consistent team play and it's the guy who has the ability to lead his team through the playoffs, not the guy who can rip the occasional wicked slapshot. Crosby is the better player and I think he has the best chance to go further, but he won't win the cup.

THE SCORE  
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE  
THE KIDS — JUST SAYIN'.

JAKE I  
LANCE I

MLS opened up last week, highlighted by David Beckham's first goal in his LA Galaxy-career.

Do you see the MLS jumping in to the mainstream this summer?

**JA:** The MLS will be a break-out story this year. Aided by a healthy Beckham, and a complement of new additions, soccer will be the sport to watch this summer.

There have been two new franchises implemented into the league over the past three years, with two more coming soon in Seattle and Philadelphia, showing the growth soccer has had in the U.S.

Beckham was all over the news last year without even playing a game. Just wait and see the media explosion he'll generate when he scores a goal or two.

**LM:** The MLS will never be highlighted by anything and there's nothing mainstream about it. If Pele couldn't make soccer in the U.S. popular, what chance does David Beckham have?

It's just unfortunate for the LA Galaxy that they had to shell out over 50 million dollars for Beckham to get his first MLS goal.

Soccer is a great sport and I wish it to become popular in America, but if you want to watch amazing soccer, just tune into European soccer. I'm not interested in watching teams in the MLS that the UVM men's soccer team could probably beat.

Hell, I wish baseball was as popular in America as soccer is around the rest of the world, where a Columbian who scores an own-goal can be found dead that night with 30 slugs in his body — Yikes.

THE SCORE  
FIFA '08 SALES WILL  
SKYROCKET!

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## 2008 Scoreboard and Standings

Results	G2: Loss @ Albany	Overall - (7-6)
Baseball	UVM: 2	Binghamton - (0-5)
Tuesday, April 8	Albany: 5	Overall - (4-10)
Game 1: Win @ Siena		
UVM: 2	Saturday, April 12	Softball
Siena: 1	G1: Loss @ Binghamton	Albany - (7-1-1)
G2: Loss @ Siena	UVM: 9	Overall - (19-11-1)
UVM: 0	Bing.: 10	Boston University - (8-2-0)
Siena: 4	G2: Win @ Binghamton	Overall - (22-13)
	UVM: 8	UMBC - (6-4-0)
	Bing.: 4	Overall - (17-21-0)
Saturday, April 12		Stony Brook - (5-5-0)
Game 1: Win @ NJIT	Sunday, April 12	Overall - (18-15-1)
UVM: 3	Win @ Binghamton	Maine - (5-5-0)
NJIT: 1	UVM: 13	Overall - (5-33-0)
G2: Win @ NJIT	Bing.: 4	Hartford - (4-6-0)
UVM: 11		Overall - (15-10-0)
UMBC: 3		Vermont - (2-8-0)
		Overall - (9-20-0)
Sunday, April 13	Baseball	Binghamton - (1-7-1)
Win/Loss @ NJIT	Hartford - (6-1)	Overall - (5-22-1)
UVM: 1	Overall - (12-14)	
NJIT: 1	Vermont - (3-1)	
	Overall - (12-10)	
	Stony Brook - (4-3)	
	Overall - (15-14)	
Men's Lacrosse	Albany - (4-4)	
Tuesday, April 8	Overall - (8-24-1)	
Win @ Marist	UMBC - (2-5)	
UVM: 3-4-3-2-12	Overall - (10-18)	
Marist: 1-4-2-3-10	Binghamton - (2-5)	
	Overall - (9-20)	
Saturday, April 12	Maine - (1-3)	
Loss vs. Binghamton	Overall - (11-16-1)	
Bing: 2-3-1-0-6		
UVM: 0-1-3-1-5		
	Men's Lacrosse	
	UMBC - (3-0)	
	Overall - (8-3)	
Women's Lacrosse	Stony Brook - (2-1)	
Wednesday, April 9	Overall - (6-4)	
Win vs. UNH	Albany - (2-1)	
UNH: 4-4-8	Overall - (5-6)	
UVM: 5-4-9	Binghamton - (1-2)	
	Overall - (3-6)	
Saturday, April 5	Vermont - (1-2)	
Loss vs. Stanford	Overall - (4-9)	
Stan: 2-6-8	Hartford - (0-3)	
UVM: 3-3-6	Overall - (0-11)	
	Softball	
	Tuesday, April 9	
	Game 1: Win @ Siena	
	UVM: 8	
	Siena: 3	
	G2: Win @ Siena	
	UVM: 3	
	Siena: 0	
	Women's Lacrosse	
	Boston University - (5-0)	
	Overall - (12-2)	
	Vermont - (4-1)	
	Overall - (7-6)	
	New Hampshire - (3-2)	
	Overall - (10-4)	
	Albany - (2-2)	
	Overall - (8-6)	
	UMBC - (2-3)	
	Overall - (4-11)	
	Stony Brook - (1-4)	
	Track and Field	
	Saturday, April 12	
	@ Panther Invitational	
	Middlebury, VT	
	Notable UVM Performances	
	Women's:	
	- Channel Hamilton: 100M dash winner, 200M dash winner	
	- Carmen Lagala: 400M dash winner	
	- Aly Millett: 800M Run winner, 1500M run winner	
	- Sam O'Sullivan: 100M hurdles winner	
	- Leah Grout: High Jump winner	
	- Jamie Recore: Shot Put winner	
	- Lindsey Guldin: Discus Throw Winner	
	- Corinne DiPietro: Javelin Throw Winner	
	Men's:	
	- Aaron Campbell: 100M dash winner	
	- Justin Scricca: 200M dash winner	
	- Colin Lyons: 1500M run winner	
	- David Hanss: 400M hurdles winner	
	- Dan Cheny: Triple Jump winner	

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# Lax goes international

**Players' and coaches' different backgrounds first came together at the U-19 World Cup**

By LANCE MILLER

Senior Staff Writer

UVM women's lacrosse head coach Jen Johnson has competed in two International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Association (IFWLA) World Cups for Canada as a player.

Most recently, Johnson coached the Canadian under 19 team in the summer of 2007 for the first time.

It is fair to say that Johnson's experience as a coach and player lured two international competitors to play for the Women's Lacrosse team.

Junior midfielder Kristen Millar



(Amanda Apuzzo/ Vermont Cynic)  
Junior Kristen Millar (11) of Whitby, Ontario met coach Jen Johnson at the U-19 World Cup. Millar holds the NCAA record for draw controls.

played for Canada in this past summer's World Cup under Jen Johnson, while sophomore Rebecca Banyard, who played for the Australians in the World Cup, has come to study abroad for the semester to play lacrosse at UVM.

Johnson and Millar were elected to the 2007 IFWLA World Cup team. It was Johnson's first time as a coach for the team and Millar's first time playing for the Canadian team.

"It's just unbelievable to think that you're playing for your country and representing all of the lacrosse players in your country...it's amazing," Millar said about her world cup experience.

Canada beat Australia in their first match, the first win Canada ever had over Australia. However, Australia beat Canada in the semi-final game.

The Aussies, with Banyard on the team, placed second at the World Cup. Canada placed fourth.

Banyard, a native of Perth, Australia, said she was first interested in UVM because "they've got lacrosse and it has a beautiful campus."

Her coaches at home in Australia also directed her towards UVM for the opportunity to learn and play under coach Johnson.

Banyard said her most memorable moment of the World Cup was when Australia beat the Canadians to advance to the finals.

"That game, we just connected as a team really well," Banyard said.

Both Banyard and Millar, under Johnson's tutelage, have the Catamounts playing at a higher and more optimistic level than ever before.

"The first goal is American East championship tournaments...I definitely think this is the most depth we've had on a team," Millar said.

"I think we're going to do well, we're still a very young team with 13 sophomores," Johnson said.

Johnson said she feared confidence might be an issue for the team before the season began, but their resilience this season has calmed her fears.

UVM is 4-1 in conference play and second in the America East standings. They had their first win over a ranked opponent this season and Millar now holds the NCAA record for career draw controls.



(Troy Johnson/ Vermont Cynic)  
Sophomore Rebecca Banyard (20) of Perth, Australia battles against Harvard earlier this season.

"It's definitely an asset to have two players of that caliber on a team and they are definitely role models that a lot of people look to, based on the fact that they've played at a high level," Johnson said.

"If you have players doing their job and doing what they do well out there then that speaks volumes over any verbal leadership that a coach or a player can do," Johnson said.

To keep their spirits high and light, Millar and Banyard do joke around with each other about competing against each other in the World Cup.

"It's fun because we still kind of chirp at each other and give each other some comments every once in a while, but I'm kind of on the back end of that one since [Banyard] beat us," Millar said.

## Catamounts' comeback falls short

**Men's lacrosse drops a game to Binghamton, 6-5 and fall to 1-2 in America East play**

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

The Catamounts' men's lacrosse team couldn't manage to stage a full comeback against the Binghamton Bearcats on Saturday afternoon, losing 6-5.

Binghamton sophomores Steven Carlson and Chris Welch started the scoring in the contest with unassisted goals in the first quarter.

The Bearcats continued to add to their lead in the second quarter, with another unassisted goal, this time from junior Duncan Streeten with 11 minutes left in the quarter.

With 4:15 left in the quarter, the Catamounts began to narrow the lead on a goal from junior attack Andrew Kelleher, assisted by junior midfielder Brandon Goodwyn.

Binghamton answered a little over a minute later, however, on a goal from sophomore Jeff Rurey which was assisted by Streeten.

At the 1:01 mark in the second quarter, Binghamton widened the lead to 5-1 on an unassisted goal by sophomore Andy Cook.

In the third quarter, Vermont began to stage their comeback with an unassisted goal from senior Andrew Goldfarb, the first of his career.

Following that goal, UVM shrunk the gap to 5-3 on a goal from junior attack Alex Young, assisted by freshman midfielder Kyle Hann.

Hann then struck again at the 9:51 mark, assisted by senior midfielder Trevor Wagar.

Another Binghamton goal late in the third quarter put the Catamounts down 6-4 entering the fourth, and the score stayed that way until late in the fourth quarter.

With 3:55 remaining in the game, freshman standout Derek Lichtfuss fired home a man-up goal, assisted by Young, making the score 6-5.

The goal was Lichtfuss' team-leading 18th of the season.

After being outshot 23-4 through the first three quarters, Vermont led Binghamton in shots 10-3 in the fourth, but they couldn't manage to find the net for the equalizer.

The loss to their America East rival dropped the Catamounts to 4-9 overall and 1-2 in the America East. UVM is now ranked fifth out of six America East conference teams.

The loss was also the first at home for Vermont since last April, when they were dropped by America East foe Albany.

The Cats will look to avenge that Albany loss next week though, as they hit the road for a Saturday afternoon matchup.

Vermont has one game remaining at Moulton Winder Field on the season, against yet another America East rival,



(Andre Malerba/ Vermont Cynic)  
Junior Brandon Goodwyn (8) brings the ball down the field against Binghamton last Saturday. Goodwyn had one assist in the game.

UMBC, on Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m.

It will be the last home game for five Catamount seniors, including third-leading scorer Shay Cunningham.

### The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Senior Staff Writer



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**WANTED:** Actual golf coverage of The Masters before 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday — more than four minutes of commercial breaks would be tolerated.

**WANTED:** A Green Jacke — or at least be allowed to wear one for five minutes of my life.

**WANTED:** Un-Tiger-proofing of Augusta National, to bring the course back to the field and turn the Masters back into a shoot-out.

**(ALSO SEEKING:** Prohibition of the term "Tiger-proofing" from any golf broadcast ever — if courses were Tiger-proofed [something that is not possible, by the way] he would never win. I think by now everyone should get that the endeavor is futile.)

**WANTED:** Arnold Palmer to provide the ceremonial start to every Masters; Gary Player to never age.

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For all of the social flaws of Augusta National and Jim Nantz's overly melodramatic, hushed tones — and his overuse of the phrase "A tradition unlike any other" — The Masters never ceases to be about the coolest thing going in golf. It leaves me, as you could guess by now, wanting even more.

But how cool is The Masters, the epitome of golf with its combination of excellence and history, really?

For starters, The Masters is so big it makes announcers change their vocabulary. The Masters doesn't have fans; it has "patrons."

There is no other major played on the same course every year.

None of the other three majors feature a smaller field or allow every (essentially every) past champion a spot in the field.

There is no tournament in golf with a more notable following than the Masters, primarily because so many names don't change, the pin placements are almost always the same on each day from year to year and even the bridges have names.

The Masters even has its own set of TV graphics. It has its own theme song. It basically screams at the U.S. Open and British Open (which is almost twice as old) to just try to be cooler.

The Masters is so huge now, so revered and so beloved, it makes a seemingly unattractive prize — a tacky green jacket — the most coveted and subsequently baller item in golf.

You get a green jacket and you're set for life. I want one. Badly.

No other course in golf looks quite like Augusta, either.

The flowers, the towering trees, the absurdly well-behaved gallery — excuse me, patrons — the sparkling white bunkers, the incredible greens, Amen Corner ... The Masters has everything and then some.

But really, I just want to play. I want to play where you don't have to pretend the 15-foot putt with 10 feet of break is a must-make at Augusta National, it actually is at Augusta.

I just want a shot.

# Twenty years later

On April 18, 1988, a group of UVM students entered the President's wing of the Waterman Building asking secretaries and policy-makers alike to vacate the area

By Christopher Madden



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

April 18 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Waterman Takeover -- a once infamous event associated with the power of the student body to effect change.

On a campus consisting of many students who pride themselves on voicing strong, often controversial opinions through protest, this historic milestone in our University's past will go uncelebrated, if remembered at all.

The *Cynic* reported on April 21, 1988, that after months of unsuccessful discussions between the Black Student Union (BSU), the Asian American Student Union (AASU) and then UVM president Lattie Coor, students had grown upset and angry with the University's indecisiveness and inability to cater to the simple requests of campus groups.

Around noon on April 18, 1988, a group of students--primarily members of the AASU - inspired by past UVM protests like those following Martin Luther King Jr.'s death in 1968, entered the President's wing of the Waterman Building asking secretaries and policy makers alike to vacate the area within five minutes, an April 19, 1988 *Burlington Free Press* article reported.

Among the requests of the students were the following: (1) each department was to have at least one faculty member of color; (2) the student population of color must represent the population of color in the United States; (3) the creation of a required course for first-year students on race studies and race sensitivity; and (4) the recognition by the administration that students of color regularly faced racist attitudes on campus, occasionally from their own professors, according to an April 19, 1988 *Burlington Free Press* article.

But when the students entered the building, their requests turned to demands. After clearing the President's wing, those students who were not of color were asked to leave in order that the 20 or so students of color would not be overlooked. This was not to be a social event but a dramatic action taken by students who were personally affected by the negligence of the University.

All but one of the employees of the University left without incident. Provost John W. Hennessey Jr. who was the only faculty member to remain, who explained to the students that the president was out of town and that he would not vacate for fear of infiltration by the students into sensitive school documents and offices in which students had no business, according to an April 21, 1988 *Burlington Free Press* article.

The *Burlington Free Press* reported that the students had consistently voiced their desire to be non-violent and used lengths of rope in order to close and secure office doors to those other than President Coor's, which had become their base of operations.

Five of the students and Leo Trusclair Jr, an ex-administrator who had recently resigned feeling as though he had lost confidence in key members of the administration's lack of response to minority students, began a hunger strike in order to add urgency to their demands, according to the *Burlington Free Press*.

By the end of the day, a hundred students had gathered outside of Waterman to show





(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

their support for the protestors. Many of these supporters stayed the night.

On Tuesday morning, protestors distributed leaflets identifying themselves as a new, collective group called "Student Action for Equality." The handout stated that "a group of minority students have non-violently taken over the administrative wing of Waterman and commenced a hunger strike in protest of the University's insensitive inaction toward the problem of racism on campus..."

The effectiveness of the handout was its ability to specifically identify the problems of the University and, more importantly, educate students who were otherwise ignorant

to the problems that were only apparent to the niche of those who could not ignore them.

By raising awareness amongst both the students and the faculty, the voice of color on campus had positioned their issues so that they could not be ignored.

When President Coor returned to campus on Tuesday evening, he met with strikers to begin negotiations. It seems the original requests of the student groups had been stalled primarily by the Board of Directors at UVM, and not by Coor himself.

At this point, though, the actions of the protestors were so drastic that even the more apathetic on the Board of Directors had swayed in favor of the protestors. Even Madeleine M.

Kunin, state governor at the time, voiced her support for the students.

Still, negotiations were not easy. The students and administration each selected a faculty member to act as their advocate in the negotiations. The two groups then mutually selected a third advocate. All parties involved were meeting late into the night, sometimes even early into the next morning.

Details of the negotiations remain unclear due to a confidentiality agreement between the parties.

In addition to the creation of a required course on race sensitivity, the students hoped that the administration would create

specific departments for the study of colored cultures. In the past, for instance, students had to take courses on European Imperialism in hopes of learning about ethnic cultures as well as history.

At one point, a black history class was offered, but failed miserably as a professor with no background in the field had been hired to teach it, according to an April 19, 1988 *Burlington Free Press* article. The complication in resolving this issue in particular was that changes of curriculum are a matter of faculty decision, not administration.

As the week wore on, the effects of hunger and fatigue began to set in. After three nights standing vigil by the President's office, two

female students collapsed. When they tried to rejoin the group on Thursday evening, they once again had to be carried off due to exhaustion.

But Thursday evening brought signs of progress. Negotiations lasted deep into the night. When students awoke on Friday morning, news spread that the sit-in and strike had ended.

That Saturday, *The Burlington Free Press* reported that President Coor had signed an agreement, after negotiating through the night, that complied with 17 of the students demands and yielding partially to four of the five remaining.

In short, the protest was a success. Kind of.

Though the administration today continues to attempt to recognize the requests of the Black Student Union and the Asian American Student Union of late, these needs are not always met. The number of students of color representing the percentage of people of color at large in the United States is one of these goals that has yet to be reached.

In the fall semester of this year, 841 of 12,239 (about 6.8 percent) students identified as of color. "Of the total number of multicultural students, 640 are undergraduate degree students; this compares to 612 multicultural undergraduates last fall, an increase of 4.6 percent," according to the Office of Institutional Studies Web site.

The Waterman Takeover is a reminder for many that an organized group of students can make change happen. In this instance, strikers worked to educate a campus to invoke change. They believed they were working not to advance themselves, but to advance the institution.

## A HISTORY OF DIVERSITY AT UVM

**April 18, 1988 - Waterman Takeover.** Students occupy UVM administration building demanding commitment to a larger minority presence on campus.

**April 22, 1991 - Second Waterman Takeover.** Twenty-two students take over President George Davis' office in the University of Vermont's Waterman Building and issue 18 demands for greater racial awareness and presence on campus. Hundreds of students gather in support.

**April 24, 1991 -** Davis announces force will not be used to end the occupation and he will not negotiate during the occupation.

**May 9, 1991 -** Davis says "the nature of the occupation" of his offices has changed and announces he can no longer rule out the use of force.

**May 12, 1991 -** A pre-dawn raid by 56 police officers results in the arrest of eight students and one faculty member in Davis' office. Eleven more are arrested outside the Waterman Building.

**November 23, 1991 -** Diversity University is burned by an arsonist. President Thomas Salmon declares that no more such structures will be built until a policy on "symbolic structures" is developed.

**March 31, 1995 -** ALANA students participated in a March 31 open forum recounting the pains of attending a predominately white UVM and demanded that the campus confront the racism they say is widespread here and in the Burlington community.

**March 20, 1988 -** Citing similar difficulties in dealing with the UVM administration, representatives and members of six UVM minority and women's rights groups have come together in an unprecedented coalition effort.

**April 22, 1988 -** Waterman Agreement Signed

**May 14, 1991 -** Four UVM shuttle buses destroyed by fire.

**May 10, 1991 -** Student supporters of the protestors begin construction of Diversity University - a collection of tents and shanties the group says will be the site of alternative education courses to make up for UVM's lack of cultural diversity.

**March 3, 2004 -** President Daniel Fogel appoints his President's Task Force on Racial Diversity which he will chair.

**March 29, 1995 -** Racially motivated death threats against five African-American female students investigated by UVM. The University failed to notify the FBI of the death threats.

# SPRING [SPEC]TACLE



Above: A tree outside the Davis Center sports new spring foliage courtesy of the One Less Bottle campaign. The tree has been garnered with roughly 900 empty water bottles in an effort to encourage students to carry reusable water bottles rather than buying bottled water.

Left: Liam Shannon awes bystanders in front of Bailey Howe. He and his colleagues spent sunny Thursday breakdancing to advertise for SummerU.



BY JOSH LEE

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Vasana de Almada, '10



Tania Jofi, '10



Chris Seman, '11



Braden Murray, '11

Would you rather have better food or a cheaper meal plan?

Better food.

Cheaper meal plan.

Better food.

Better food.

What one thing is Vermont missing most?

Sunshine.

Warmth.

A drive-in Taco Bell.

An all-rap radio station.

What do you wish your parents had named you?

Vasana.

Tanya with a "y."

I'd like any other last name.

Something normal.

How warm must it get before you'll go to the beach?

55, if there's no wind.

70.

60.

60.

# CYNICAL INQUISITION

Cynical Inquisitor: Josh Lee

## This Week → 4.15-4.21

### tue

PANEL DISCUSSION:  
ONE YEAR AFTER VA  
TECH  
Davis Center Frank  
Livak Room  
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

SHAPE-NOTE SING  
Ira Allen Chapel  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SA CONCERTS  
MEETING  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

BLACK STUDENT  
UNION MEETING  
L/L Commons 216  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

STAR MEETING  
Lafayette L200  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### wed

HUNGER FORUM  
Given Carpenter  
Auditorium E131  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

MECHINA: A  
PREPARATION FILM &  
DISCUSSION  
Fleming 101  
4:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

BELIZE STUDY  
ABROAD INFO  
SESSION  
UHN N1 Multipurpose  
Room  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

THE NAVIGATORS  
Old Mill John Dewey  
Lounge 325  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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EARTH WEEK ECO  
FAIR  
L/L Concourse  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

VEGAN EARTH WEEK  
POTLUCK  
Billings North  
Lounge B300  
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

UVM HILLEL  
FREEDOM SEDER  
Davis Center Livak  
Ballroom  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

UVM FILM FESTIVAL  
Davis Center Grand  
Maple Ballroom  
7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

UPB NIGHT OWL  
COMEDY  
Brennan's Pub  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

### fri

SHABAT TO GO  
Davis Center Atrium  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY HOLD  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

CALS HONOR DAY  
CEREMONY  
Marsh Life Sciences  
235  
1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

UVM INVESTMENT  
CLUB POKER  
TOURNAMENT  
Billings North  
Lounge B300  
2 p.m. - 12 a.m.

### sat

SMALL DOG'S  
E-WASTE EVENT  
Small Dog  
Electronics  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SPRINGFEST 2008  
CBW GREEN  
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

UVM THEATRE'S  
FESTIVAL OF ONE  
ACTS  
Royall Tyler Theatre  
2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

UVM HILLEL  
PASSOVER SEDER  
Davis Center Sugar  
Maple Ballroom  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

QUEER PROM  
Billings North  
Lounge B300  
8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

### sun

WOMEN'S LACROSSE  
VS BINGHAMTON  
Athletic Field 2  
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

UNIVERSITY  
CONCERT BAND  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

UVM THEATRE'S  
FESTIVAL OF ONE  
ACTS  
Royall Tyler Theatre  
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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"AUDITORY  
RESPIRATIONS"  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30  
p.m.

WARRIOR WRITERS  
"RE-MAKING SENSE"  
Ira Allen Chapel  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

FEELGOOD GENERAL  
MEETING  
Davis Jost  
Foundation Room  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

VERMONT CYNIC  
WEEKLY STAFF  
MEETING  
Lafayette Hall L108  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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## UVM's first student film festival comes to the silver screen

By MICHELLE GERTZ

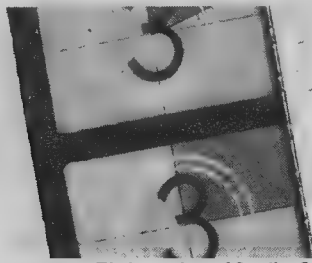
Asst. Features Editor

UVM will be holding its first student film festival this Thursday, April. It will take place from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Davis Center's Grand Maple Ballroom.

The films range in length from 40 seconds to 22 minutes. In total, there will be about 2 hours worth of film footage with an intermission.

Before the film showing, during the intermission and during the judge's deliberation the student band Tequila Mockingbird will be performing.

The festival will be a contest. A collection of film professors as well as SGA's vice-president, DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan, will make up the judge's



(Photo courtesy of Creative Commons)

Student Film Festival premiers Thursday.

panel. They will be judging each short film based on the quality of editing, the story line and the overall entertainment value.

Local businesses such as The Bern Gallery, Small Dog Electronics and Magnolia will be sponsoring the event.

The first place winner will receive \$200 from The Bern Gallery as well as a \$75 gift certificate to Small Dog. The second place winner will receive \$50 from The Bern Gallery. The third winner will be chosen by the audience and will receive a \$25 gift certificate to The Bern Gallery and \$25 gift certificate to Fitid hat shop on Main Street.

The mastermind behind this event is film and television studies major, Max Tubman. Tubman decided to take on the challenge of single-handedly producing this film festival when he began to notice the growing popularity of the Film and Television Studies department.

He noted that within the department, there was a serious lack of emphasis on the production aspect of the field of study.

Tubman and many other students within the department had been making films without a place to showcase them. Tubman saw the need and decided to create the space.

When asked about the challenges he has faced while assembling a festival from scratch, Tubman first noted that, "Getting people aware of the festival has been a serious challenge."

Secondly, Tubman explained that, "The greatest challenge that I have come across was when in the first week of classes, I got diagnosed with thyroid cancer."

There was a giant lump in my throat. All things considered, it is one of the easiest forms of cancer to treat, so it wasn't life threatening, but it was pretty big and they had to take it out right away.

I missed two weeks of school for that. When I got back I had to catch up with all of my schoolwork, and then take care of all of the things that didn't get done for the film festival.

Plus, I had to deal with the stress of recovering from the surgery."

Tubman will not be submitting any films to the festival because he says, "I think that it would be weird if I won my own contest." However, Tubman has been working with a few other students to create short "bumper" films to thread in between the films that are being considered for the competition.

Though Tubman is graduating this spring, he hopes that he has set the precedent for an annual student film festival on campus. Eventually, he would like to see students from other schools competing with UVM students. As of now however, no underclassman has stepped up to take the torch from him.

## New art magazine debuts at Parima

By MOLLY SHAKER

Features Editor

We might be living in the biggest city in Vermont, but it's not everyday that we think of Burlington as a hub connecting us to our surrounding cities.

Burlington is a sort of "bubble" of eclecticism and free spirit whose attraction – for some – is a sense of disconnect from the chaos of the "outside" world.

Last Friday night at Parima, a quiet Thai restaurant on Pearl Street dressed in white Christmas lights,

**"We really like techno, so we were going to start a band. But, instead we started a comprehensive arts magazine."**

**-Adam DeMartino  
General Manager,  
Events Planner**

the bigwigs of FutureClaw – Burlington's newest magazine – introduced us to their latest creation with a launch party.

If you had walked into Parima that night you would have forgotten those dairy farms and mountains were just miles away. You would have been among some of Burlington's "hippest"

party-goers, as well as DJs Justin Miller and Lovefingers who appeared from New York City from the DFA record label – a label that, according to FutureClaw's General Manager and Events Planner Adam DeMartino, houses artists such as LCD Soundsystem and Hot Chip.

Meet FutureClaw: a large, tabloid size magazine whose editorial offices are right on Church Street. The magazine's content reaches as far as New York City and Toronto but it's our little city that acts as the hub connecting us to the biggest metropolises around us.

The publication, which will appear quarterly for a whopping \$15 at various locations in the Burlington area, aims to provide its' audience with everything from editorials to art to music to fashion and the like, Guy Derry, FutureClaw's creative director, said.

And the creators are all former or current UVM students. Ben Weller (business manager), Bobby Mozumder (editor/photo editor), Gordon Holden (marketing director), Drew Stock (deputy editor/events) and Tommy Wheeler (promotion) have all attended UVM.

Though Friday night marked FutureClaw's magazine release, the project has been growing since August of 2007. Originally, DeMartino and Derry planned



(photo courtesy of Futureclaw)

Futureclaw released its new magazine Friday at a packed Parima.

to start a techno band. "We really like techno," DeMartino said. "So we were going to start a band. But instead, we started a comprehensive arts magazine."

For the past several months, FutureClaw existed as a music/tech blog that was updated twice a day. When Derry met with Bobby Mozumder – with whom he had worked on a street-fashion photo documentary in the past – they discussed the idea of creating a magazine to promote creativity, DeMartino said.

With the help of friends at UVM's WRUV and Tick Tick, FutureClaw -- whose

name comes from a metal object that DeMartino and Derry saw on the sidewalk during a trip to New York City that DeMartino said looked like a "mechanical claw ... a claw from the future" – was introduced to 250 of us at Parima.

"There aren't many places in the world quite like Burlington," DeMartino said. "We want to refine the creative energy we find and channel it through the filter of this city. We seek to procure and refine art and provide people with something they can show the rest of the world."

## Battle of the bands yields Springfest opener

By OLIVIA SAPERSTEIN

Staff Writer

Competition was in full swing at Billings on Friday, when six bands went head to head at The Last Band Standing to win the opening spot at Springfest.

The free event, which was put on by SA Concerts, had a surprisingly great turnout.

There was a variety of fried food and dips, and immediately upon entry each guest was given a ballot so that the judges could count votes at the end of the show to determine the winner.

Billings's North Lounge was covered in Christmas lights and balloons.

Michelle Buteau, the outspoken comedian hosting the event, caused a

stir with the audience and kept people engaged throughout.

Her jokes, which alluded to sex, Facebook and race, added a touch of awkwardness to the audience's laughter, to which she replied, "I don't know if you're smart or racist!"

The competition between bands was tough; each had something unique to offer and all drew a slew of friendly supporters.

The Feverbreakers kicked off the night with an entirely original set list, which included "Whip Balloon" a sick beat, with special guest Alex Smith tearing up the mic with his impressive raps.

The soulful lead vocal work of Ryan Headly was quite powerful, and lead guitarist Erik Fosse proved himself a talent through his solos.

Following was the Stereo-Police, who claimed to be of obscure influence, but couldn't help but sound poppy. However, their sound was tight and, brothers Charlie and Billy Rugger played in perfect harmony.

The Sepia Tones, composed of mostly freshman, and together only since September, have already played a show at Higher Ground.

You couldn't help but shake your hips to The Donkeys' funky grooves, and Dan Jacobson's original lyrics to "Get a beetle haircut." The Donkeys threw bongo player Zachary Cohen into the mix to spice things up, and Alex Smith reappeared last minute to rhyme against Jacobson's funktastic shrieks in "Cheeseburger Donkey."

The second the clock struck 10:30, a stampede of "man-fans" assembled at the stage for "The Dawson Leary Project," and for about 10 minutes Billings turned into a pseudo-rave.

This threesome seemed to appeal to the large group of trance fans present, and they were the only group to

have specific lighting effects arranged for their performance.

Alex Schwartz gave an impressive guitar solo, to emphasize one of the many talents the band possessed.

To close, Chainlink Gunlove took the stage with ease, channeling the Grateful Dead.

The highlight of their performance was when the all-male quartet invited senior Christina Stang up to sing a mind-blowing rendition of "Whipping Post," by the Allman Brothers.

Not a single individual in the audience could take their eyes off of this petite girl, awed at the colossal voice that came out of her.

Stang, who has been singing with the band for about a year, could attest to the importance of being comfortable with your band-mates. "It makes such a difference when you care about the people you're playing with," she said.

By the time the winner was announced, most had shuffled out and moved on for the night. Only band members and a few friends were left eagerly awaiting the results.

Finally, one of the judges announced that The Dawson Leary project had won, and would be the opener at Springfest.

The group was ecstatic at the results. "It feels amazing," said sophomore drummer Steve Putnam. When asked whether he was excited to open for Talib Kweli, he replied, "Yes, very excited. It only means good things for our band."

The band, mostly inspired by The New Deal, had just put their songs together in the past three weeks.

Despite last minute preparation, these guys were entirely confident and are likely to give a prodigious performance come Saturday.



(Rachel Wheeler/Vermont Cynic)

Friday's Last Band Standing chose who would open Springfest.



# [critic]al thinking

## Diddy's girls grow up with a solid sophomore release



**Danity Kane**  
Welcome to the Dollhouse  
(Badboy, Atlantic)

★★★★★

### Sounds like:

Destiny's Child  
Janet Jackson

At first, Danity Kane seems like just another girl group in their fifteen minutes of fame. However, after scrutiny of their new album, "Welcome to the Dollhouse," you may be quite

surprised.

The group has managed to not only showcase their incredible talent, but also put together quite an accomplished album.

Although the first intro song on the album "Welcome to the Dollhouse," featuring P. Diddy, is corny and

unnecessary, the rest of the songs on the album work very well.

"Bad Girl," featuring Missy Elliot, is catchy with a strong hip-hop beat in the background. The harmony of the five girls works well with the electronic feel to the rest of the song, and Missy Elliot's rhymes only enhance what's already there.

It is quite apparent throughout the album the amount of micro-managing within the group. Every beat is placed precisely and the vocals are so dead-on it's impossible to believe they recorded them on the first take.

However, the end

result is quite worth it.

"Damaged" has such perfect harmony that the song is included at the end of the album in a capella, which sounds just as good, if not better, than the hip-hop embellished version.

The album, although very good overall, sometimes lacks lyrical creativity. Although they hit the nail on the head in numerous phrases here in there, overall the lyrics are something to be desired.

Surely to be a new favorite at dance clubs around town, Danity Kane just might be more than their TV-show made them out to be.

## DIGGIN' IN THE CRATES

WRUV's Music Director, Brooke Morrison says:

These are some albums to get you through the last days of the semester. Good luck on exams and finals, everyone! Here are some albums to help you de-stress and relax during this ultra-mega-über stressful time:

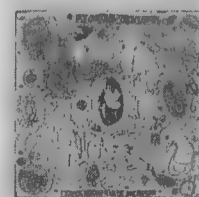


### Field Music: Field Music

(Memphis Industries)

Wake up music!

This is a great album guaranteed to wake you up in the morning and put you in the right mood. These friendly British rockers have a Kinks-esque feel to them while maintaining a uniqueness that makes for an exciting listen.

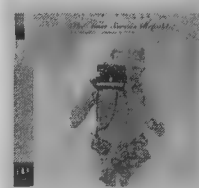


### Joanna Newsom: The Milk-Eyed Mender

(Drag City)

The fantastically talented freak-folk sensation that is Joanna Newsom

has proved herself in such albums as "Ys" and her single "Colleen," which both showcase her intricate and skillful musicianship, however, this album is a staple of her discography. "Bridges and Balloons" is the first track, and her simple harp brings you bounding over grassy summer hills with flowers in your hands. Simpler, but perhaps her sweetest work.



### The Most Serene Republic: Underwater Cinematographer

(Sunday League)

These Canadian wonders from the amazing Arts and Crafts label

(known for such artists as Broken Social Scene, Feist and Stars to name a few) bring you on a lilting journey through dreamy electronic soundscapes with layered vocals and intriguing effects, perfect for rocking out or quiet and passive enjoyment as you read a book.



### My Little Airport: Zoo is Sad, People are Cruel

(Elefant)

For naptime.

This cute little Japanese two-girl band will have your head in the clouds in seconds, dreaming of little animals that want to be your friend and anthropomorphic furniture that sings you lullabies.

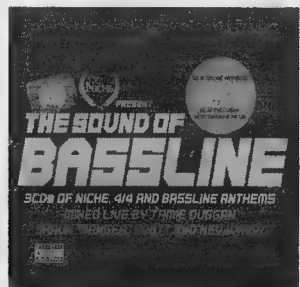


### Otis Redding: The Very Best of Otis Redding

(Electra/WEA)

Okay, if you need to let it all out, this is the album to dance to by yourself. "Try A Little Tenderness" will have you singing into your hairbrush, I-guarantee it. Oh, also check out "Tramp" for a little soul-power. And if you're down, there's always "The Happy Song (Dum Dum)" to get you back on the sunny side.

## New future music invented before the electric car



**Various Artists**  
The Sound of Bassline  
(Ministry of Sound)

★★★★★ 1/2

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### Record Review

John McMillin

producers have been accelerating dance music, blazing territories that electronic music had

never ventured before. Genres pop up, flourish for a few years and then sink beneath the pressure of DJs and dancers in constant need of new sounds.

The latest of the genres, bassline, mixes the sub bass of dubstep and drum n bass with the four-on-the-floor drum pulse of house music; an exciting blend

for dance music fans.

Bassline is a fitting name for the genre. While most dance music genres use upper register synths to provide the melody, in bassline, the bass itself supplies the melody.

Lyrically, bassline is reminiscent of NYC freestyle music. Most songs concern failed relationships, the sense of freedom or loss that accompanies them or the start of new relationships, and the exhilaration that follows.

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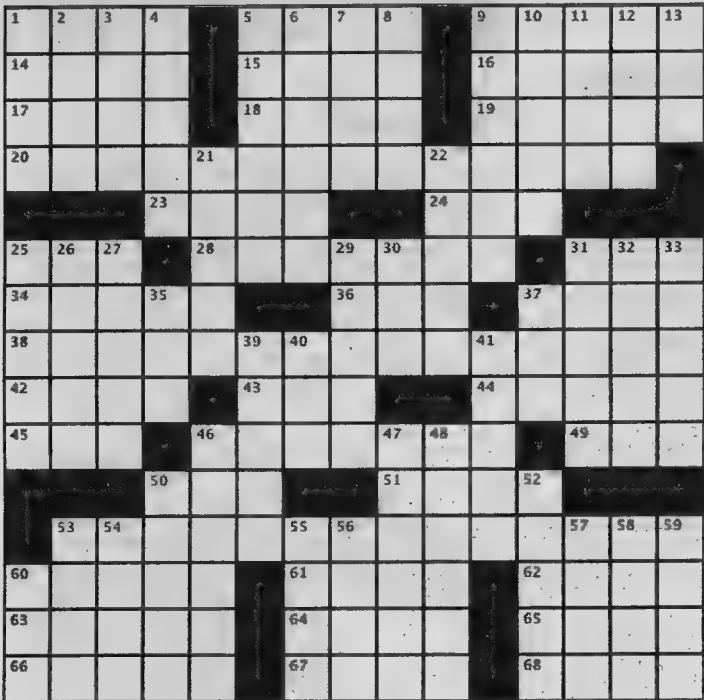
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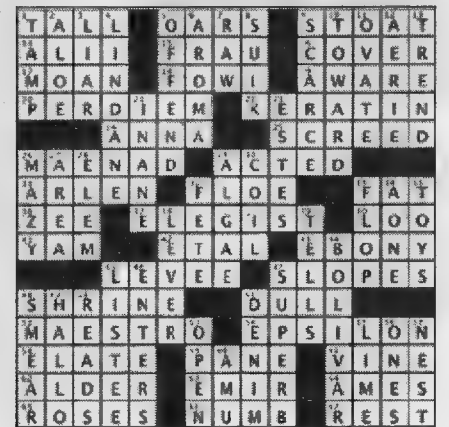
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- 49- Georgia, once: Abbr.
- 50- Brief instant
- 51- Low-quality diamond
- 53- Star groups
- 60- Trio
- 61- Fluff egg whites
- 62- Shucks!
- 63- Shriveled
- 64- Soak leather in base solution
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- 5- Stevedore
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- 7- Den of wild animals and dragons
- 8- Streetcar
- 9- Useless
- 10- Dole out
- 11- Stead
- 12- Supplements, with "out"
- 13- Agent, briefly
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- 22- Concerning
- 25- Mexican money
- 26- Island off Venezuela
- 27- Ribbons
- 29- Guide
- 30- Sky light
- 31- They've got something coming
- 32- Golf clubs
- 33- Echolocation
- 35- Engage in espionage
- 37- One-time link
- 39- Upright
- 40- Witty remark
- 41- Turn away
- 46- Take as an affront
- 47- Remove by melting
- 48- Painted

- 50- Villain's look
- 52- They get high twice a day
- 53- Small piece of wood
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- 55- Recedes
- 56- Jump
- 57- Word that can precede hygiene, tradition and agreement.
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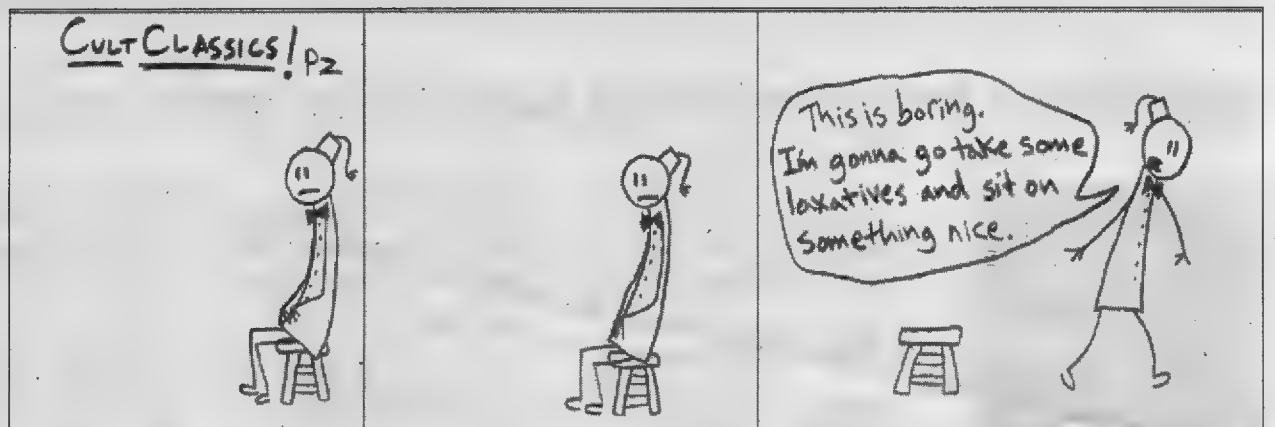
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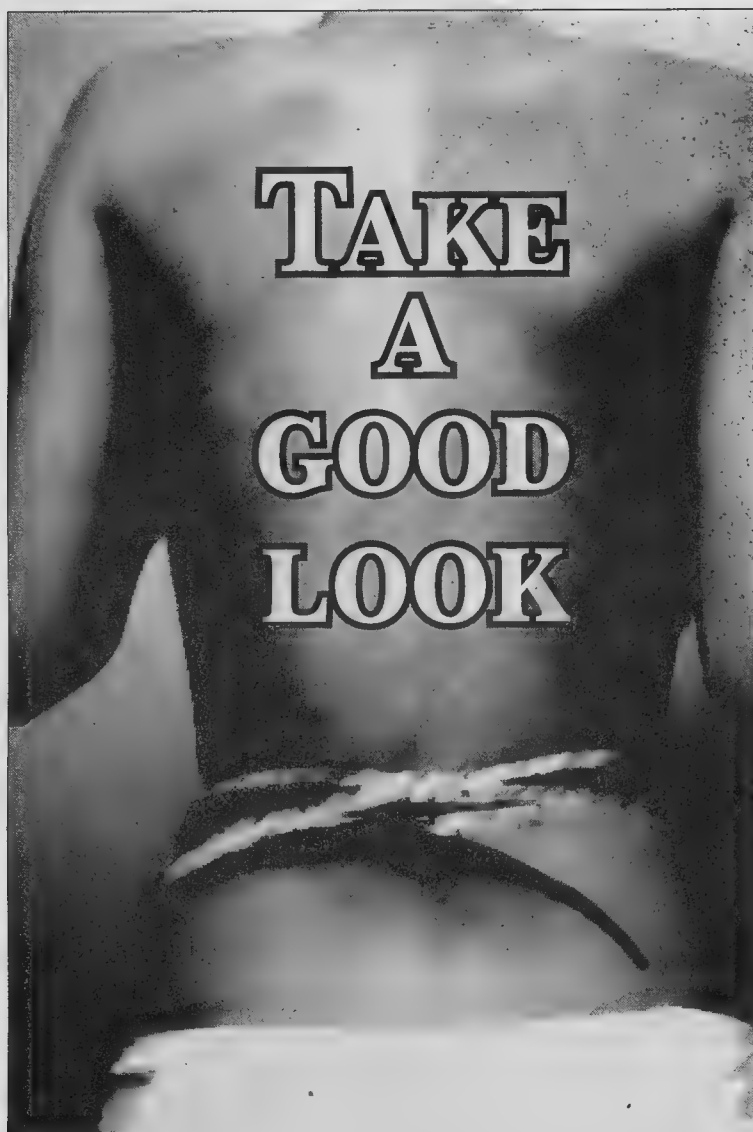
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A recent study done by the Global Market Insite, Inc. on behalf of the National Eating Disorders Association that was done in the fall of 2006 on over 1,000 college students across the country, revealed that 80.9 percent of females and 74.7 percent of males have dieted and avoided or skipped meals. Also, 19.6 percent admitted to having an eating disorder at one point in their lives.

## Body image, eating disorders and UVM's take on the trend

By CAITLIN CHAPMAN

Staff Writer

Body image takes its toll as eating disorders continue to affect college students.

"Eating disorders affect more than 10 million Americans, and they are the number one killer of young women when it comes to any mental health issue," stated Gabriela Helfgott Sullivan, MPH, who has been the peer health programs director at Health Promotion Services at the UVM Center for Health & Wellbeing for the past four years.

"The negative impact of the media on our body image affects us all," she said.

Sullivan made it clear that negative body image and eating disorders are a prevalent issue in today's society.

A study done by Global Market Insite, Inc. on behalf of the National Eating Disorders Association was done in the fall of 2006 on over 1,000 college students across the country, revealing some startling news.

The study reported that 80.9 percent of females and 74.7 percent of males have dieted and avoided or skipped meals.

Also, 19.6 percent of the participants admitted to having an eating disorder at one point in their lives. Poor body image has found its way onto college campuses across the nation.

But where does UVM fall in this trend?

Does the atmosphere at UVM breed negative body image? Or is it a supportive envi-

ronment for positive body image?

Hannah Lily Zaks, a freshman from New York City, stated, "People at UVM are far more laid back and less judgmental about body image than people in New York City."

Jessé Zastrow, a sophomore at UVM, commented on the atmosphere on campus, saying, "UVM is a very friendly and comfortable environment for

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*-Gabriela Helfgott Sullivan, MPH, Peer Health Program Director, UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing*

good body image." He also noted that he "doesn't really feel affected by it either way."

Mara Weinberg, a freshman at UVM, agreed that UVM is a safe haven for body image.

"The posters and pictures UVM puts up around campus show a diverse array of body size, shape, color and orientation," Weinberg said.

"Because of this, virtually anyone on campus can relate to the pictures and can feel accepted for whomever they might be," Weinberg said.

In addition, there are programs on campus that encourage positive body image, Sulli-

van said.

Sullivan and the peer health educators of the Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) held an event across campus during National Eating Disorder Awareness Week (February 25-29).

This event involved activities such as screening films about eating disorders and passing out buttons and brochures to raise awareness about body image and eating disorders.

During this week, they also hosted "A Day Without Mirrors," where they posted flyers on mirrors in bathrooms across campus encouraging students to be comfortable in their bodies.

UVM is aware that body image can be an issue and is trying to make a difference by making UVM a safe place for body image, Sullivan said. "We want UVM students to nourish their bodies mindfully & in moderation," she said.

"We also want UVM students to challenge the messages they get from the media, from society, from each other and from themselves, about what the 'ideal' body should look like, and what their motivation is behind their eating and exercise routines."

It seems certain that "with the pressures from mass media, no place is great for body image," Dani Tompkins, a freshman at UVM, said.

"But all things considered," he said, "UVM is not too bad of a place to be when it comes to supporting good body image."

## Witnessing the walk

Oh, what a beautiful morning ...

By BRENDAN FILKINS

Staff Writer

It's early Sunday morning as the streets of Burlington are graced once again by students bound for their beds and refuge from humiliation.

Although many agree that morning air is fresh and the sunrise is always pretty, these tattered, tired and often intoxicated walkers aren't fooling anyone.

The walk of shame, as explained by UVM sophomore Marga Franklin is simply "when someone gets too drunk and hooks up with someone they don't know well enough and they have to walk home in the morning."

The walk has most likely been around as long as alcohol and sex, but here at UVM, the walk is a staple in the social fabric of the University.

According to UVM sophomore Megan Foster, the shameful walk is far from uncommon on UVM's campus. "You will more than likely witness at least one every weekend," she said, "more if you're watching for them."

Who takes the walk? According to Franklin, the walk can be taken by anyone. However, "it is often more easily identified and more stigmatized for girls," Foster said.

In correlation, UVM sopho-

more Adam Wood thinks (from experience?) that freshman girls are probably taking the most walks of shame.

Walkers can be identified wearing the same clothes as the night before with messy hair, smudged makeup (or black sharpie) and sporting a substantial hangover, Foster said.

Although often embarrassing, "most of the shame is not a by-product of the disheveled appearance, but rather the negative connotation associated with a regrettable one-night stand," she said.

"They're usually walking because the person they hooked up with doesn't care enough to spend the gas money to drive them home," Franklin said.

Although Franklin speculates that most walks are taken "between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., before the other party is awake," MAT resident Evan Lunter has been witness to a less traditional walk of shame.

"It was 3 a.m. and she walked out of the guy's room wearing baggy men's sweatpants and stumbling to get back to her room in the adjacent residence hall when she casually walked right through puke on the floor," Lunter said.

Wood said the closest he has come to the walk of shame came before he had even hooked up. He was forced to roam the dorm halls for "safety equipment" before he finally received an embarrassing bag containing 72 lubricated con-



(Photo illustration by Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

To spot a shame walker, look for night clothes, dress shoes and attire that looks somewhat awkward at 7 a.m.

doms from his floor's RA, Wood said.

Foster said that a friend of hers once received a standing ovation from half a floor of guys as she walked from the dorm room into the hall.

Good news for walkers is that, according to Wood, everyone makes the walk at one point in their lives. As long as it isn't a habit, he says, "it is actually more comical than shameful, at least after a few days."

On top of that, springtime is approaching, and if nothing else, perhaps the warm weather will remove some of the injury from the insult of UVM's morning stroll.

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# Wear your heart on your sleeve

## The Clothesline Project and its mission to heal

By SARAH ANDERS

Staff Writer

One in three women and one in ten men will be raped in their lifetimes, according to a Woman's Rape and Crisis Center (WRCC) press release.

In order to bring awareness to the prevalence of sexual abuse, WRCC is hosting The Clothesline Project, a display of t-shirts made by victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence and their loved ones, according to a WRCC press release.

The Clothesline Project will be shown at the Metropolitan Gallery at Burlington City Hall as one of many events related to Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

This is the third year that WRCC has hosted the Clothesline Project. It was first instituted in 1990 by the Women's Agenda in Massachusetts, according to the Clothesline Project Web site.

"We would tell people how bad the domestic violence statistics were, and we felt it would go in one ear and out the other," Carol Chichetto said, National Contact Person for the project. "We wanted to come up with some ... other vehicle to raise awareness."

"We used t-shirts because they were readily available and we didn't really have any money," Chichetto said. "It has proven ... to stop people in their tracks. Once you read that first shirt, you have to keep reading."



(Photo illustration by Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

The Clothesline Project has spread rapidly and has allowed women's advocates a chance to reach "younger and younger audiences" in an attempt to prevent children from later becoming victims or perpetrators of sexual violence, Chichetto said.

The Burlington exhibit is sponsored by the Women's Rape Crisis Center, Women Helping Battered Women, Safespace and the UVM Women's Center.

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National Contact Person  
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en's Center.

The Clothesline Project is immediately visible upon entering City Hall. A few of the shirts are arranged in a semi-circle on a clothesline, while others hang on the walls. The

t-shirts are color-coded according to the type of sexual violence experienced by their creators.

Some of the shirts express messages of strength and hope. Others express the raw anguish of a victim of sexual assault.

"This is my black and blue heart," reads one, above an illustration of a dark heart.

"Her mother was late picking her up, so a man gave her a ride," reads another. "Thirty years later life remains a shitty and painful rollercoaster."

"As an educational medium, the Clothesline project has few peers," said Catherine Slocum, Fundraising and Outreach Coordinator of the Women's Rape Crisis Center. "It brings viewers face to face with the painful and courageous stories ... exposing a side of life that has too long remained a silent and destructive force."

The Clothesline Project will be on display downtown until April 30. However, there are other chances to recognize and participate in Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

"Sexual Violence Awareness Month is very important because it creates awareness

of sexual violence that affects our daily lives," Slocum said.

"One in four women and one in ten men will be sexually assaulted or will have it attempted," Slocum said.

According to Chichetto, "there are still three times as many animal shelters as there are shelters for battered women."

On April 18, a Healing Fire at the Women's Center will allow survivors of sexual assault and their allies a chance to add messages on paper to the fire or offer a piece of wood.

From 4:30-6:00 p.m. on April 30 in front of the Bailey/Howe Library, UVM is holding a Take Back the Night march and rally.

"We in Vermont observe Sexual Violence Awareness Month because we see the need for the community to come together to end all sexual violence," said Jeanne Kaczka-Valliere, Director of Education & Outreach at WRCC.

"Through events like Take Back the Night, we hope to educate the community on issues of sexual violence and to support those who have been affected."

placing the knife at the top of the grapefruit where the rind meets the fruit, and cutting down the side of the fruit in a rounded path to avoid removing too much fruit.

Leaving the grapefruit peeled and on its end, cut down either side of the membranes that appear as lines on top of the fruit. This should make half moon wedges. Do not cut the grapefruit in half.

Meanwhile, place the chicken, slices downward, in a baking dish. Cover each breast with a tablespoon of honey. Put in the oven under the broiler for five minutes.

Remove from the oven, flip the chicken over, and place the finished wedges of grapefruit in the diagonal cuts. Spread the rest of the honey on the chicken breasts, and return to the broiler for four more minutes. Remove, and consume!

This recipe goes well with roasted asparagus marinated in olive oil and garlic, but that is for another healthy and delicious day.

To all brave cooking souls, good luck!

## The College Life Stuff UVM kids like

By SUSAN FLUFFERTON

Cynic Correspondent

In honor of my newly discovered, favorite blog, "Stuff white people like," I've decided to honor/copy them by doing a UVM edition. Because imitation is the greatest form of flattery.

### #34 Activist Groups

UVM kids love groups that aim to end world problems by creating tent villages or making grilled cheese.

Even if a UVM kid is not involved in one of these groups directly, which most of them aren't, they like to reference them in conversation to make themselves sound smart and involved in the global justice movement.

This occurs most frequently when UVM kids are talking to the media, relatives or Republicans, who all consider UVMers "activist hippies."

Activist groups are also a UVM favorite because they make students feel like they are saving the world, while still being able to party Thursday through Sunday.

If you want to impress a UVMer, start talking about all the good work that is being done by SLAP/SFPGJ/SAW/FeelGood/STAR/SFT/VSTEP.

Extra credit: Tell them that your mother/father/grandfather/uncle/cousin was involved in the 1988 Waterman takeover.

And don't worry about knowing what the acronyms stand for, UVM kids don't know either.

### #35 Pot

Might not be much of a surprise, but UVM kids are pretty much in love with pot.

And more than just smoking it, UVMers love talking about marijuana.

In fact, the ratio of time spent talking about weed versus smoking weed at UVM hovers around 10:1.

Favorite topics include: "How blazed I got last night," "My sick homemade gravity bong" and "The dank local organic bud I just picked up."

Any of these topics are good conversation starters that will gain you credibility with a UVM kid.

Smoking weed makes UVM kids feel chill, relaxed, rebellious and slightly gangster when they smoke the occasional blunt.

Just remember, UVM kids like weed because it's like a drug, but it's not.

So don't get too "real" with them or start talking about crack. They'll get scared.

### #36 The Idea of Diversity

Here at UVM, diversity is like the number two big ticket issue, next to the environment.

Yes, UVM kids love diversity.

It makes them feel open-minded, accepting and generally warm and fuzzy inside.

There are approximately 10 student organizations devoted to it and five events a week which celebrate it.

Problem is, UVM is 93 percent white. So that kind of puts a damper on the diversity.

Just don't remind UVM kids of this fact. Let them gloat in the fact that while they don't actually have diversity, they support it.

## Kitchen Cuisine

Cheap Cuisine with Hayley Johnston

### Honeyed Chicken with Grapefruit

This particular recipe is one ready-made for the healthy UVM student who lives off campus, or even those students who live on campus who want a quick and delicious home-cooked meal.

This requires minimal ingredients, and thus, it is not hard to drag all the groceries back up or down the Burlington hill that is Main Street.

#### Ingredients:

- Four Tablespoons of honey
- One large grapefruit
- Two Chicken breasts



(Photo courtesy of Creative Commons/Borrie)

First, adjust the racks in the oven so that the chicken will be about six to seven inches away from the top of the oven.

Next, turn on the broiler to 450 degrees while you take your chicken out of the packaging. If the chicken is frozen, be sure to take it out of the freezer to thaw at least three hours prior to cooking.

Trim the chicken breasts, removing any excess fat. Then, take one chicken breast

and, laying it flat on your cutting board, make three diagonal cuts on the upward-facing side of the breast.

These cuts should make three large pockets. Repeat with the other chicken breast.

Next, take the grapefruit and slice both ends off the fruit. Then, turn the grapefruit on one of these now flat ends and cut the rest of the rind off the fruit.

This should be done by

# Twenty Years Later



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## UVM admin. resigns after policy violations

**J. Michael Gower, UVM Chief Financial Officer, misallocates \$5 million**

By PAT LACLAIR

Assistant News Editor

J. Michael Gower, UVM's Vice President for Finance and Administration, resigned last Thursday after it came to light that the University had entered into contracts under his supervision which did not follow internal policy and procedures.

The news of his resignation was e-mailed to members of the UVM community Thursday evening, following an e-mail from UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel which addressed the recently discovered break from procedures.

The internal controls were broken down when UVM entered into multiple contracts with Huron Consulting Group in 2006 in order to address problems with the implementation of the new PeopleSoft management information system, according to Fogel's letter.

In his letter, Fogel said that the contracts were not approved by the Board of Trustees or the President and all contracts in excess of \$250,000 must be. The total cost of all nine contracts with Huron is expected to exceed \$5 million.

Gower was not mentioned in Fogel's letter, but UVM officials said that the implementation of PeopleSoft was within Gower's responsibility.

In Gower's letter of resignation, he cited "difficult struggles" in his time at UVM, notably the "frustrating implementation of a comprehensive data management system... There were escalating costs, implementation obstacles and communication problems."

In an interview with *The Cynic*, Fogel said that the University takes the breach in procedures "very seriously," and that they are "determined to carry through a full investigation."

Part of that investigation will require the services of "independent experts to examine this situation fully," said Fogel in his letter.

Until the independent investigation is complete, it will be difficult to determine exactly what went wrong with UVM's internal policy and procedures, and why the contracts with Huron were not brought before the Board and the President for approval, Fogel said.

However, President Fogel did comment on the contracts themselves and their sources of funding during an interview, saying that he was unaware of the extent of the contracts and the funding until they were brought to the attention of the administration by an employee.

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## Beats, beer and blue skies bring in spring



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Hip-hop artist Talib Kweli entertains the crowd at Saturday's Springfest. Clear blue skies and music drew crowds of students to gather on the CBW green. The event, which was sponsored by SA concerts, was headlined by Kweli and featured performances by Dr. Dog, Bernie Worrell and Leo Nocentelli. Despite the \$10 ticket price, hundreds of students turned out for the annual concert.

## Tent City continues despite restrictions

By PAT LACLAIR

Assistant News Editor

Student activists successfully worked with the UVM policy regarding the construction of temporary structures this week, allowing them to keep protesting at Tent City, a demonstration that was recently threatened by the new policy.

The policy, which restricts the construction and inhabitation of temporary structures on campus, conflicted with the annual presence of students camping out in the demonstration known as Tent City.

Passed last summer, the policy requires that students receive permits before camping out on campus and regulates that permits are usually for 10 days with three consecutive nights of camping.

Student activist group Student Labor Action Project (S.L.A.P.) maintains that Tent City is effective mainly because of its long-term presence on campus.

Many members of S.L.A.P. specu-

late that the policy was specifically created to disrupt their protest.

"It's pretty clear that the policy was aimed at Tent City," S.L.A.P. member and UVM sophomore Meg Tiley said.

**"I don't think they anticipated that we could get other groups to take out permits. I think they thought we would just roll over and die."**

-Meg Tiley  
UVM sophomore

S.L.A.P. allied with the group Students Against War (S.A.W.) in order to extend the permits for sleeping and the presence of the tents, which are erected in front of Royall Tyler Theater.

According to a letter sent out to the UVM community by S.L.A.P. last week, an additional permit was given to S.A.W. for another three nights of camping, but only after much confusion when dealing with the policy.

At first, the groups were told that all livable wage paraphernalia needed to be removed from Tent City, because the protests for S.L.A.P. and S.A.W.

needed to be distinct. The S.L.A.P. letter details that the requirement was later repealed after talks of a free speech violation.

The permits for both the second period of camping and for the presence of the tents both expired last Sunday, although neither S.L.A.P. nor S.A.W. made any move towards taking down the structures, which remained empty most of the day and night.

No one involved with the permitting process on the administrative side attempted to enforce the policy, of which Tent City was then in violation.

After three days without a permit, the Tent City coalition of activist groups saw the addition of Students for Peace and Global Justice (S.F.P.G.J.), which was able to take out another 10-day permit for Tent City without incident, according to a member of S.L.A.P.

"I don't think they anticipated that we could get other groups to take out permits," said Tiley on the success of S.F.P.G.J. "I think they thought we would just roll over and die."

According to a member of S.L.A.P., Tent City is not just a protest for livable wages anymore but "it has evolved into kind of a free speech forum."

An additional three nights of camping under the new S.F.P.G.L. permit will begin Wednesday.

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It's Earth Week and it's time to see how green UVM really is



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# Rooney attempts to remove judge for bias

By SAM RUBINOFF

Staff Writer

April marks a year and a half since the disappearance and death of UVM student Michelle Gardner-Quinn.

Since the immediate arrest of prime murder suspect Brian Rooney there have been many roadblocks in this high-profile case.

Earlier this month, the pre-trial was moved from the Chittenden District Courthouse to Rutland in order to avoid local bias.

On April 4, Rooney appeared before Judge Michael Kupersmith arguing the merit of his court-assigned criminal attorney David Sleight.

Most recently though Rooney wrote a letter requesting that Judge Kupersmith be removed from the case because of bias.

In his two-page letter addressed to Kupersmith, Rooney listed several grievances.

"You wouldn't allow a new attorney time to prepare for trial and that I would be stuck with that new attorney and you didn't recommend that I get a new attorney...."

"Your order to suppress only the part of the Pre polygraph interview recording is unjustified and is only suppressed because it shows that I wasn't able to leave as I wished and that my rights where violated by law enforcement."

-Brian Rooney

In addition, Rooney argued against Kupersmith's previous ruling on a suppression motion regarding Rooney's statements to investigators prior to being arrested.

"You [Kupersmith] made assumptions about my willingness to talk to law enforcement and that I felt free to come and go as I wished. These assumptions are false!" Rooney said.

Rooney also addressed Kupersmith's decision to include the majority of a polygraph interview as evidence.

"Your order to suppress only the part of the Pre polygraph interview recording is unjustified and is only suppressed because it shows that I wasn't able to leave as I wished and that my rights where violated by law enforcement," Rooney said.

Students' response to this most recent delay in the proceedings of the criminal trial is very mixed.

Senior Sean Thomas felt that this delay was to be expected in a case of this nature. "It doesn't really sound that unusual as far as high profile cases go."

However, Sophomore Lindsey Weger said that she is outraged by Rooney's complaints: "I think it's bullshit...it makes me feel awful, I can only imagine how her [Michelle Gardner-Quinn] family feels," she said.

Since issuing this letter on April 11th, administrative Judge Amy Davenport rejected Rooney's pleas to have Judge Kupersmith removed from the case.

According to the Burlington Free Press, Davenport released a letter which stated, "To show bias, a litigant must show that an adverse ruling was improperly motivated."

Currently Rooney is being held without bail at the Northwest State Correctional Facility in St. Albans. Jury selection for the criminal trial of Brian Rooney is set to begin May 13 at the Rutland courthouse.

## Excerpts from letter to Judge Kupersmith from Brian Rooney

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Judge Michael S. Kupersmith  
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Started on April 08, 2008

Your Honorable Judge Michael S. Kupersmith:

This letter is in response to your order requesting that my attorney Mr. Sleight and my self have letters regarding are current issue in the trial no later than Friday April 11, 2008 and that Mr. Sleight comes to NWSCF To discuss my issues and concerns with me at this point my attorney and me have discussed meeting on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2008

This portion of this letter is an official complaint requesting that you remove yourself from all my cases Because I feel you are prejudice (Bias) against my charges and me and I believe some comets and your rulings concerning my cases will prove the defense doesn't stand a chance for a fair trial or to have any attorneys that have a legit foundation granted as long as the cases against me are in your control.

The reasons I feel you're prejudice (Bias) are as follows:

- You have told attorneys that they will be ready when you tell them regarding my case if ready
- I have not been allowed the chance to review or investigate the discovery involving my charges as part of due process as guaranteed by the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- You didn't allow me time to prepare for last status conference and you continue to deprive me the time I need to file paper work and prepare for court dates.
- You stated you wouldn't allow a new attorney time to prepare for trial and that I would be stuck with that new attorney and you didn't recommend that I get a new attorney or not and if I did get a new attorney it would count against me a reasonable person would consider these statement a threat not to do something.
- No evidential hearing for prior motions to dismiss you only granted the one thing my attorney didn't which was the gag order.
- Ruling on suppression motions: you didn't state critical facts of law enforcement violating my rights and violated orders from my attorney and the state. You made assumptions about my willingness to talk to law enforcement and that I felt free to come and go as I wished. These assumptions are false! Which can be proven by my calls placed to my attorney during what I felt was police interrogations and my many attempts to be able to talk to my attorney or to have him present during the constant police pressure to talk with them I will also state that I didn't feel free to come and go as I wished and this can be proven by statement that I couldn't interact with my children or family as I wished because of constant police surveillance and felt I was already in jail also I felt I had to have permission to travel out side of my house you also made assumptions that I didn't know about the start of the surveillance put on me and that I couldn't see if law enforcement had weapons or not. These assumptions are also false! You used statements about dog sent from an officer that is not trained in that field and its my understanding that the state decided not to use any dog sent evidence at trial but you have released that information to the public.
- did state in # 33 - 36 of your Decision & Order that there was no entry by law enforcement to use my parents to obtain a statement from me this contradict the reasons for law enforcement feeling my parents the false information to obtain their help and you failed to mention that I requested to take the polygraph the next day and that my parents where tricked into helping them and where also talked into traveling to Winooski to get me, to take the polygraph. A reasonable person wouldn't believe that law enforcement had no intention to obtain my parents assistance.

"You didn't allow me time to prepare for last status conference and you continue to deprive me the time I need to file paper work and prepare for court dates."

"You stated you wouldn't allow a new attorney time to prepare for trial and that I would be stuck with that new attorney and if I did get a new attorney it would count against me a reasonable person would consider these statement a threat not to do something."

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"You also state several times that I was free to leave at any time but again the evidence proves that officers involved where told that this was there last chance to find Ms. Gardner-Quinn alive. Good bless her soul!"

"Your order to suppress only the part of the Pre polygraph interview recording is unjustified and is only suppressed because it shows that I wasn't able to leave as I wished and that my rights where violated by law enforcement."

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You also failed to mention remarks from Det. Nails during phone conversation on October 9, at about 3:20 pm that it wasn't in my best interest to seek council it would look very bad for me if I had nothing to hide I shouldn't need an attorney, and that if I had nothing to hide I should want to help in any way I could and he tried to convince me that it wouldn't be in my best interest to seek council. A reasonable person would consider these statements a threat not to do something.

# 45 - 48 of your Decision & Order (Pre polygraph interview) you state that I was there voluntarily but the evidence proves that I was pressured into taking the polygraph and that law enforcement tried false interviews to my parents and me as part of more tactics to convince us, there goal. You also state several times that I was free to leave at any time but again the evidence proves that officers involved where told that this was there last chance to find Ms. Gardner-Quinn alive Good bless her soul! And that they never intended for me to leave until they where satisfied and if I was free to come and go as I wished I would have been able to see my mother when I asked to and I had to take breaks when they said I could. After review of Pre polygraph interview video tape no reasonable person could believe anything other than facts listed above unless they had alternative reason to do so that would benefit there cause which you have proven. Violation of my right to call my attorney and to have him present was never addressed all the Violation of my rights were again to benefit you and the state. You also stated that in # 51 of your Decision & Order that I agreed to waive my Miranda warnings but in fact I was not present because of my attorney not being present. It also states that as he signed the form, Re: my (I said, I didn't know my attorney was here, "me" I am represented by an attorney. I will state that was all done before I started doing anything. I was also told to make note about my attorney not being present at this time for the real reason to make me into signing Miranda warnings. I was also threatened that, if I didn't cooperate, it would be very bad for me. You also made comments about marks on my body with no medical document to support that claim.

Your order to suppress only the part of the Pre polygraph interview recording is unjustified and is only suppressed because it shows that I wasn't able to leave as I wished and that my rights where violated by law enforcement. Suppressing only part of the recording, which contains the matters listed above, is only beneficial to the state and your cause and that's why you ruled to suppress that part of the recording. I don't think you should chose to suppress only a part of the recording either suppress the whole recording or don't suppress any of it and with your current ruling I would request that hole recording be released or none at all.

I meet with my attorney yesterday April 10, 2008 and as far as my attorney goes we will have to work things out because I have no other choice. I still believe the trial date should be moved to early July so that all my research can be done and all issues I have can be addressed and so I can be an active part of my defense but I know with you as the Judge that that will never happen.

I would state all my concerns but I'm on a time limit from you to get this letter out to you today. Today's date is Friday April 11, 2008 the date you order me to get a letter out to you. I can only hope this letter gets to you in time because Fridays mail doesn't leave here till Monday April 14, 2008. I also have to be careful of what I say so that it doesn't get turned around by the media which has happened a lot in the past.

For these reasons listed above I am asking you to consider removing your self from all my cases please respond to this letter at your earliest convenience so I can follow up with my concerns with the Judicial conduct board if needed.

*Signed  
Brian Rooney*



# Taylor, Miller assume presidency

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO

Assistant News Editor

Applause, speeches and hugs complemented the final farewells and fresh welcomes of old and new Senate members last Tuesday in the Marsh Leadership Lounge.

The 2007-2008 Student Government Association (SGA) held their final Senatorial meeting of the 2007-2008 school year, while the 2008-2009 held their first immediately following.

The night was dedicated to the inauguration of James "Jay" Taylor as president and Josh Miller as vice president.

Newly-elected senators, Miller's Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity brothers and the director of student life, Pat Brown made up the majority of the audience.

Before the inauguration ceremony began, however, the meeting ran through business as usual.

The executive board gave their final reports and Speaker Michael Glynn passed around the final draft of the SGA Constitution to be signed by each member of Senate to make it official.

Then, Vice President DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan started a new tradition of distributing blue and gold cords to senior senators who had served two or more years on SGA to wear at graduation.

President Kesha Ram then stood and said to Vincent-Bryan that "the definition you [Vincent-Bryan] have brought to the role of vice president is absolutely astounding."

With that, the entire Senate gave him a standing ovation.

Ram then gave her last remarks.

"It has not been easy to devote my entire being to the government of the student body," she said, "but we as Student Government have made great strides and I hope future leaders will follow this path."

Ram also said that she would not miss students coming up to her at parties asking for more club funding or her office in the Davis Center, but rather, her passionate, personal link to students.

The chairs of each committee were then given the opportunity to give their final reports.

Scott McCarty, chair of the Committee on Legislative Action (COLA), said that working with Senate was the best job he had ever had.

"I've gotten to work with some great people," he said, "these people have really inspired me and there is no body I would rather be a part of."

Jesse Bragg, chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) also said that the executive board was the best he had seen.

Before the end of the first half of the meeting, Vincent-Bryan stood to say that he saw a family in members of Senate, no matter how complicated things had gotten throughout the term.

Miller and Taylor were then both sworn into office by

Vincent-Bryan and Ram, respectively.

Glynn next asked all senators to stand and for those who were leaving SGA to step back as the newly-elected stepped forward to claim seats around the table.

After each senator repeated their oaths, the first meeting of the 2008-2009 SGA officially began.

The next procedure was the election of a new Treasurer; senior Ben Porter, who has already served four terms on SGA, was the only nominee.

When Senator Julia Michel asked Porter what challenges he would expect to overcome he said that he could not think of any.

"I have complete confidence in my competence," he said, "I can handle the load and I know I have the time and experience."

After being officially sworn into the treasurer position by former treasurer Shackett, Porter said it felt "fantastic."

Then, Miller gave his first executive report of the new term and told the new Senate that they had a lot to live up to and that it was time to elevate SGA to a new level.

Taylor said that he was really excited about his new "team" and that he looked forward to all agreements and disagreements of the future.

The 2008-2009 Senate will hold one last meeting on April 22, during which a new speaker of the house will be elected; the current nominees are current Speaker Glynn, Mandy Frank and Ryan Krodel.

## NEWS SUMMARY

### INTERNATIONAL

#### CHINA

##### Chinese respond to west

Chinese protesters respond to the French actions during the passing of the Olympic torch two weeks ago in Paris.

Many Chinese feel that the French did not adequately protect the Olympic torch as it passed through Paris. More than 20 million people have signed petitions pledging to stop shopping at companies with French affiliation.

The French reaction to Chinese action in Tibet has raised issues regarding free speech in China because advertising is tightly controlled by the Chinese government.

"Tibet is our country's territory. You have no right to interfere in our interior affairs. A boycott may not be the right long-term solution, but we have to give the French people a lesson," said Zhu Xiaomeng, a Chinese protester.

#### ITALY

##### Italy elects Berlusconi as prime minister

Silvio Berlusconi re-captured the Italian Prime Minister's office in elections last Monday, defeating incumbent Romeo Prodi. Berlusconi is returning for his third term, after being defeated for re-election by Prodi two years ago.

Political analysts note that this year's election was one greeted by apathy in Italy, with many Italians finding the choice between Prodi and Berlusconi to be fairly unexciting.

After recent economic downturns, Italians were looking for a candidate who possessed the ability to lead the necessary changes in the government. They ultimately picked Berlusconi, who has a history of personal scandals during his long presence in the Italian government.

#### NATION

##### Pope visits U.S.

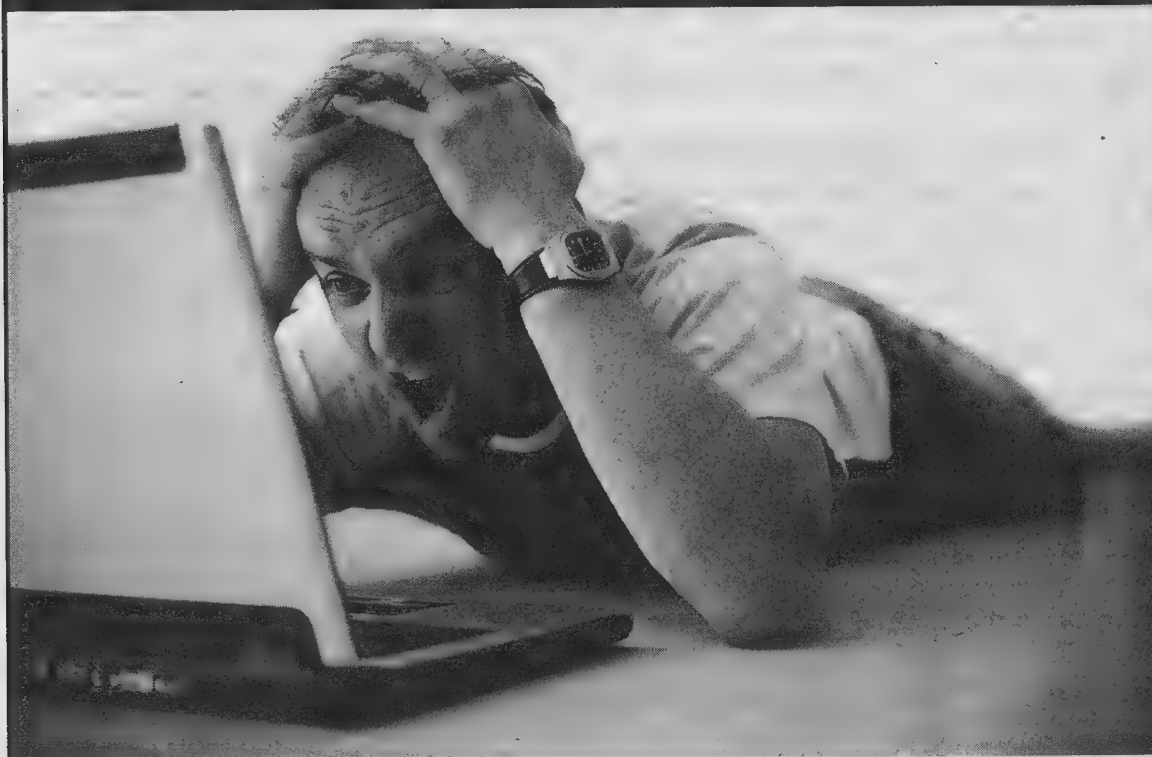
Pope Benedict XVI completed his first visit to the United States as the Pontiff on Sunday, traveling to New York and Washington, D.C. for five days last week.

Pope Benedict was greeted Wednesday morning by President Bush at the White House, where the two discussed combating terrorism while respecting human rights.

The Pope spent much of his visit addressing the problems that confront American Catholics. He spoke about the shrinking Catholic population and the recent sexual abuse scandals, but most of his words were encouraging to followers.

All information collected from The New York Times and the Burlington Free Press

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## NATIONAL

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## Democratic Debate

Wednesday's Democratic debate between primary candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama drew in a record number of viewers, despite receiving sub-standard reviews from political analysts.

The debate, which was held in Philadelphia, was the final time the two candidates will meet before the Pennsylvania primary held this Tuesday. It drew an average of 10 million viewers over the two hours of coverage.

Critics rated the debate poorly, especially the performance of Obama, who seemed on the defensive for most of the debate. He has faced strong criticism for his association with his racially-charged pastor, and his choice of the word "bitter" when describing the Pennsylvania working class.

Critics also commented on the work of the moderators during the debate, often citing that they failed to bring a more substantive tone to the argument, but rather focused on the blunders of the candidates.

## VERMONT

## Vermont emissions standards challenged

The Bush administration is moving to have a federal ruling overturned which says that states should have the authority to regulate vehicle greenhouse gas emissions.

Vermont, California, and 16 other states had set up stringent new emissions standards for auto-makers over the past two years. The car companies appealed, claiming that the new regulations would not significantly reduce global warming and would only cause economic difficulties.

A federal court decision placed the authority to regulate the emissions under the jurisdiction of the states, but the Bush administration is currently working to see that ruling overturned. The Justice Department filed an amicus brief last Wednesday stating that, due to a precedent set by the EPA against California's standards, Vermont "lacks authority to implement its proposed regulations."

Vermont Attorney General William Sorrell stated Thursday that "there's a long way the Bush administration has to go before they're going to uphold the validity of the denial of the waiver. We look forward to that fight."

## VERMONT

## Students charged with vandalism

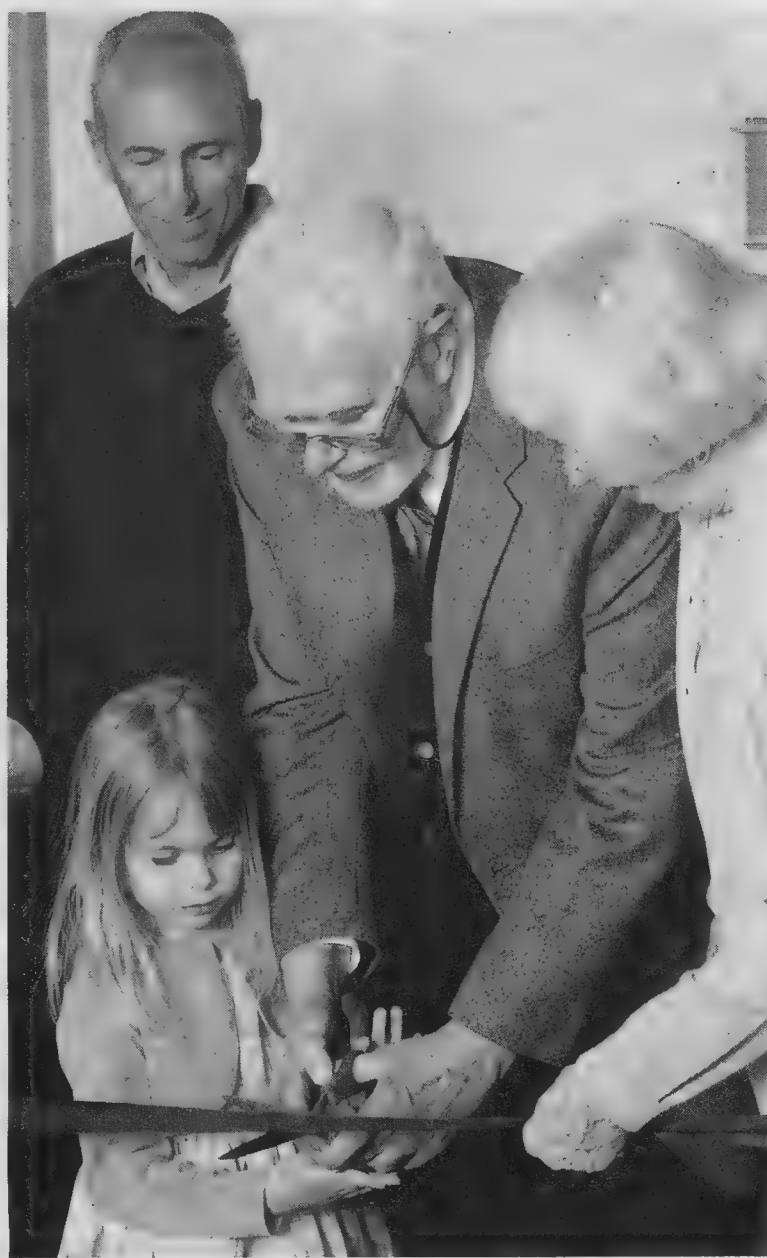
Two Burlington-area teenagers were charged for a number of graffiti-related vandalisms Thursday. Police say that Nicholas Rozzi, 17, of South Burlington and Kyle Wilcox, 19, of Essex both committed felony counts of unlawful mischief in spray-painting private property around the county.

"It's not artwork, it's criminal activity, and it will be treated as such," said State Attorney T.J. Donovan, who is the prosecutor in the cases against the teens. Since January, more than \$30,000 in damages has been reported for 31 graffiti incidents in Chittenden County.

Rozzi is charged with one count of felony unlawful mischief and Wilcox is charged with two counts of felony unlawful mischief and three counts of misdemeanor unlawful mischief. If convicted, either one could serve jail time for the vandalism.

Police say Rozzi was implicated after his cell phone was discovered in a parking garage which he had tagged around the county.

## Office dedicated to past SGA senator



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Edward Gormley cuts a ribbon at SGA in a dedication ceremony on Tuesday to dedicate a conference room to his son, former SGA Senator Edward (Ted) Gormley. He is accompanied by his son Peter, Peter's daughter Arvery and his wife Mary. Gormley died just a few years after graduating from UVM.

## Committed to the Facts

In last week's issue in the story on page 2, "SGA Chairs Appointed" the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) was incorrectly referred to as the Committee on Diversity and Environmental Ethics (CODEE).

## GOWER

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According to Fogel, the funding for the contracts came from earnings on capital gains which were put aside into a fund of which he personally was unaware.

All reports of the work that Huron Consulting was doing were formerly sent to Gower, and the administration has requested a status update on the progress of Huron's work.

Fogel acknowledged in his letter that the work being done by Huron is "effective and productive work on a mission-critical project." He later said that the contract with Huron will be kept, despite the breach in procedures, and their work will continue.

"Given the fact that we needed to spend the money to get it right, my assumption is that the expenditures were mission important," Fogel said of the contracts with Huron.

Gower's resignation was accepted by Fogel Thursday, and will be effective on June 30. His responsibilities will be taken over by Tom Gustafson, Vice President of Student and Campus Life, and Ted Winfield, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration.

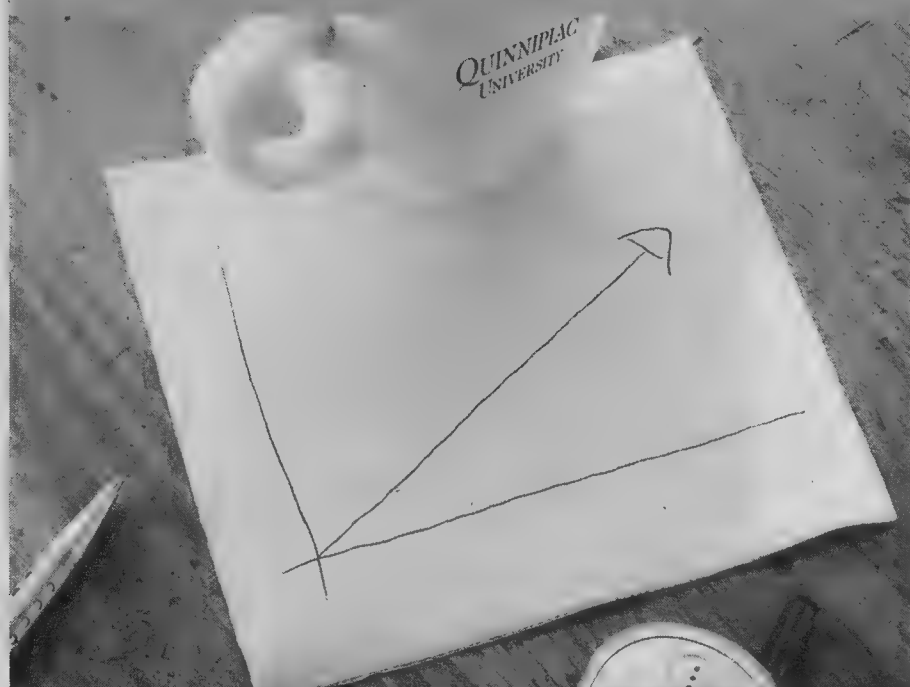
"Mike was a valued colleague," said Gustafson, who also said he is still uncertain about exactly what duties of Gower's he will be taking on.

In accepting Gower's resignation, Fogel praised him for the work he has completed at the University.

"Much has been accomplished in Mike Gower's leadership," Fogel said.

Gower, who has been the Vice President of Finance and Administration since 2003, declined comment.

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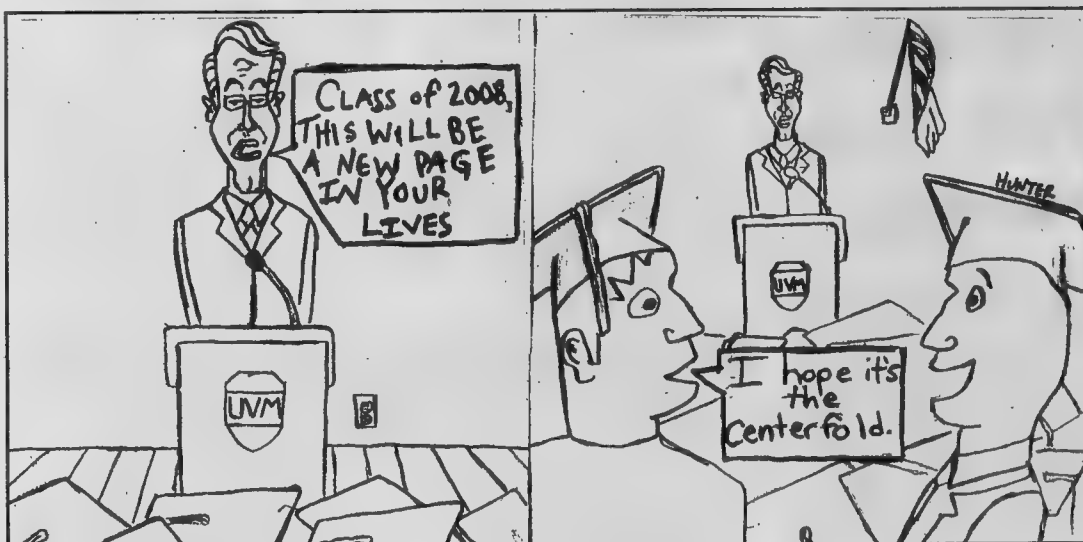
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## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Financial accounting lapse unacceptable

The email sent out by President Daniel Mark Fogel on Thursday to the University students, faculty and staff outlined problems that had arisen in regards to a consulting contract, which had ballooned to \$5 million — equivalent to tuition for approximately 180 out-of-state students.

This was more than a simple procedural slip-up, but, instead has raised many troubling questions about UV1Ms financial and accounting systems.

How, exactly, was J. Michael Gower able to wield the sole authority to authorize such immense, and allegedly “mission critical” contracts?

And how was it this long before anybody noticed?

The University has been working with the Huron Consulting Group since 2006 and there are now nine separate contracts between the University and Huron. Yet, somehow work being done by the company not only slipped right past the president and board, but had remained unknown until now.

We understand the importance of allowing people like Gower broad powers and great responsibility. It is important that administrators can be given tasks to complete without being hounded and micromanaged in order to accomplish those things.

But, in an organization as large as this University, it is essential that there be thorough means of oversight so that we may prevent the problems of misallocation and corruption that plague many such large institutions — especially in the face of the many expensive projects, general financial insecurity and mounting debt incurred by universities.

We cannot make a habit out of chalking up millions in expenditures to a lack of communication. If this becomes, or is found to have been an ongoing problem, serious reforms will be in order.

The students, faculty, staff, parents and alumni need to feel safe about investing their money in this University and when problems like these arise it brings questions of dependability and trustworthiness into a harsh perspective.

According to Fogel, the work being done by the Huron Group is “effective and productive work on a mission-critical project.” But Fogel and the board’s lack of knowledge of the proceedings in a ‘mission-critical’ project is a very unsettling realization and calls into question work being done by our administrators.

What other failures and policy violations may lie below the surface?

So, although we sincerely appreciate the strong commitment to accountability expressed by Fogel under these circumstances, we would like to see some form of full and independent investigation in order to feel confident about UVM’s financial systems.

It will always be necessary for UVM to look to the resources of outside contractors, but if we are going to be able to make significant strides into the future, it is of the utmost importance that these failures do not happen again.

## COLUMNIST



JULIA GABRIEL MICHEL

### A case of nostalgia

My iPod broke yesterday. I know, poor little rich girl, the iPod purchased with Daddy’s credit card finally went on the fritz.

But, like, my iPod broke. On a sunny Sunday. I feel like I’ve lost a limb.

So I put aside the now-useless piece of metal and turned to the beaten, battered, stickered and stuffed CD case that holds my precious lifetime collection. The zipper gave out almost a year ago, but it’s always so jammed full of CDs that it never would close anyway.

I flip through the soft and well worn plastic covers, seeking the CD that would perfectly fit that moment in time. I was in that emo, indie, indescribable mood between happy and sad, amid hopeful and cynical, sandwiched between funny and serious and there were just way too many music choices to fill the void.

I’ve always thought that every mood has a song, every song has a complementary song, every artist evokes a different emotion. I had to find the perfect song, the perfect album.

But I just couldn’t; my CD du jour just wasn’t there.

Frustrated, I leafed through my “archived”

**And just when this reflective, 80-minute trip down memory lane was about to end, an unfamiliar beat pulsed through the speakers.**

CDs that had been demoted from “Most Listened To” all the way down to the ranks of “Sits in Jumble on Julia’s Desk.” “JULZ MIX Volume XIV” lay second to the bottom. Curious, I decided to find out what songs I listened to in past years. I popped the CD in and prepared for teeny-pop disappointment.

It never came. Each song brought me back to a specific place, time and mood. A Counting Crows hit brought back memories of summer with my best friends at my side, laughing to the point of stitches. Wilco’s “Either Way” was the feel of the fake leather seats on bare legs during a rickety bus ride in the Dominican Republic. Ted Leo’s “Hearts of Oak” was late night Texas Hold ‘Em tournaments in a dingy basement.

Fat Joe’s “Make it Rain” was obviously Prom 2008.

Everyone thinks of the musicians they listen to — probably except for Fat Joe — as truly some of their closest friends. Their lyrics whisper the comforting words of a best friend and give me a kick in the ass at the same time.

That’s why I’d never want to risk being without my trusty Case Logic, just in case. I guess it’s just too bad Citizen Cope and John Butler Trio aren’t on my phone’s In

Case of Emergency contact list.

And just when this reflective, 80-minute trip down memory lane was about to end, an unfamiliar beat pulsed through the speakers. The jarring tune skipped its way through a chorus until I realized that scratches in the CD caused three songs to mesh together into a cacophonous mush.

Disappointed, I removed the CD from my player and put it back to rest in its comfy case. I remember why I got an iPod—maybe it’s time to invest in a new one—but I think I’ll still keep the case. Just because the past is a little damaged is no reason to throw it away.

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### “Elitist.”

— Used by both Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. John McCain to describe Barack Obama for characterizing pennsylvanians as “bitter” about the economy.

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MICHAEL FARLEY

## Just to be clear...

Ok UVM, now that I have your attention, it's time to listen up.

Last week I did a fairly decent job of riling up one side of a debate. Now, it's time to rile up the other side. A side switcher you say? Call me what you like, however I don't believe in sides, because there is only one side, the side of freedom, truth and equality.

Last week I spoke to you, activists, because your causes were not being taken seriously. You can see this rampant all over campus. Students are lethargic; administrators don't care, because, perhaps, they've seen all these protests before. I've lived in Vermont my whole life, have always followed UVM's student-led protests and have even attended them.

Yet, this year is the

first year in my recent recollection that little to no true news coverage of any protests have been published. And when they are published, the students and the demonstration are in the foreground, while the true causes remain murky in the shadows. The time for change is now.

So this week I call out to you, lethargic student, who may agree or disagree with my every word.

It's time to take these people seriously. It's time to stop bashing them, and it's time to listen.

The things they do, no matter how futile they may seem, are good causes that we all should be excited for but aren't. Why? I believe it is because of the rampant prejudice and bias around campus. I sit in classes every day where I can almost always hear at least one negative remark about these activists, to be followed up, sometimes, by more slander towards them. The words I published last week, dear friends, are not the product of my own thoughts, but rather the reiteration of words I hear everyday.

I sit now, amidst students, as I type this at one of our public computers on campus, hearing them

talk about how disgusted they feel walking by Tent City every day.

Many probably believe in every word, and every argument, that is being made there, but aren't listening.

Like I said, no matter how you may feel or what you may believe, people will always judge you based on how you look and present yourself. You need to appeal to every walk of life, every style, every brand, everybody if you want your message to get stronger. Not just to those who already agree with you.

The purpose of protest is to get those who aren't listening to tune in, but it's also time for everyone who isn't listening to open their ears and minds.

Propose formal debates, invite them to talk with you, draw up concise plans for reform and present not only yourself, but your rhetoric, in a way that will be taken seriously, rather than using repetitive arguments and protests.

I'm behind you, and I take you seriously. Many do. Many do not.

It's time to rally the troops, kids. It's time to be heard. And it's time for you to be taken seriously.

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TOM MERTZ

## Cruel and unusual

I am hopeful that by now you have all seen the "Don't tase me bro" incident that occurred during a John Kerry lecture at the University of Florida last semester. But even if you hate the questions Andrew Meyer was asking and think his politics are terrible, it is important to understand that free speech was violated by an excessive and potentially deadly use of force.

This is clearly the most famous use of stunguns, or tasers, since they have become the new favorite toy of law enforcement (other than warrantless wiretaps) in the last few years. UVM and BPD officers now carry dangerous force in the form of "non-lethal" tasers hanging on their belts while they patrol Burlington.

We should all be scared of the ease with which law enforcement can violate our right and the rampant rates of police misconduct. Rights violations have become a staple

of law enforcement — profiling, for example — because they think their efforts would be weakened without them.

And the right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment is violated every time officers pull out their taser pistols and light up somebody's chest.

Yet the idiots that we have let interpret our constitution appear to think that in order to be cruel and unusual, a punishment needs to fit both of those categories. While the death penalty is certainly cruel, it is not "unusual."

And yet tasers cannot even pass this bar.

A stun gun in the chest may not be as cruel as a handgun bullet, but it is unacceptably so.

As for the charge of being unusual, if a taser shot to the heart doesn't fit your definition of "unusual," then you've probably taken one too many taser shots to your head.

Additionally, they can stop a heart if they hit on the right voltage, on the right individual, at exactly the right time, and they can cause permanent damage to nerve endings and the rest of the nervous system.

That sounds cruel and unusual to me. Time will tell if they should be banned as more and more instances occur. I wouldn't take that risk, but for now I hope you can avoid the sting.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Defending claims of "Killer Coke"

A couple weeks ago, Kyle Martel wrote a Letter to the Editor attacking the Killer Coke campaign in *The Cynic*. In it, Kyle calls the campaign "a complete waste of time and attention and a violation of consumers' rights," noting that the comments I made in an interview with WCAX were inapplicable to the concepts of sustainability and progressiveness that the University appears to follow.

First, I would like to point out that my comments regarding the sustainability Coca-Cola fails to achieve is in regards to the severe water shortage and pollution of groundwater they create from their bottling plants in India. This was confirmed by a report by the Energy Resource Institute released in January this year, noting that Coke gave no concern to the impact on the communities surrounding these plants and recommended Coke close the plants.

Why should this and Coke's human rights violations apply to UVM? Because it is clearly written in the University's Common Ground to aspire to become a community that values respect, integrity, innovation, openness, justice and re-

sponsibility. How exactly can we claim to value integrity and justice when we support a company that lies about its human rights violations and environmental destruction from instigating union leader assassinations, scarcity of water and child labor?

We requested the University to change to Pepsi to show that UVM wants Coca-Cola to change and accept the crimes they have committed as well as providing students with colas, fruit juices, sports drinks and more that many will still demand.

Having all local and socially responsible drink companies would be great, but is difficult for UVM, which is why we propose an equal representation of those companies while giving Pepsi only partial ownership of drinks for dining halls. Pepsi is still found to be on several socially responsible boards while Coca-Cola doesn't appear to be on any

I support the right for students to choose what they wish to drink. However, I and many others are appalled by what Coca-Cola is and presents itself to be and have no choice for something else.

I believe Coke should be more concerned about the problems they've created, instead of avoiding the solution with a \$60 million recycling plant. So, Kyle, let's show that UVM has compassion and concern about these issues and doesn't associate with a

company using more money for public relations as the best drink in the world than really helping it.

Respectfully,  
Justin Hurtt  
Class of 2008

### Praise and concern for Tent City coverage

This letter is in response to *The Cynic* coverage on Tent City this year both from the op-ed pages and the recent front page article. I applaud the recent article that showcased elements of investigative reporting on the new policies for temporary structures on campus and if the new policies were in some way connected between the Tent City actions. This article was one of the more balanced social justice pieces that I have seen in the paper all year.

On the other hand, I am extremely concerned for the student who wrote the op-ed piece two weeks ago about Tent City and his blunt claim that livable wages "are not an in issue worth fighting over."

The economic inequalities in this country are very real and severe. One need only participate in a program like UVM's Alternative Spring Break to see people living in extreme poverty or volunteer with the weekly UVM Food Salvage program right here in Burlington to meet Vermonters who are literally

don't have enough to eat.

I would caution UVM students who think that livable wages aren't important or that Burlington is a cheap place to live. You only need to look at the price of housing, the number of Vermonters who must seek public assistance or the amount of debt that many people are in from trying to meet basic monthly bills to realize that anything less than a livable wage is truly not livable.

I encourage *Cynic* readers to find out more about what a livable wage really means by visiting [www.vtlivablewage.org](http://www.vtlivablewage.org) or by expanding your experience here at UVM by participating in any one of a number of poverty relief or awareness efforts on campus.

Respectfully,  
Lluvia Mulvaney-Stanak,  
Assistant Director of  
Community Service  
Programs

### Long-live Pearson and Zuckerman!

I am writing to express my support for our incumbent state representatives, Chris Pearson and David Zuckerman.

I am a bit confused by the way that age is being made into an issue in this campaign. In *The Cynic* article and her letter to the editor, it seemed as if Ram was promoting her

youth and close relationship to campus as the primary reasons for students to vote for her.

This seems silly for several reasons Representatives Pearson and Zuckerman are two of the youngest legislators in the Vermont Statehouse, and Ram will inevitably become older and less attached to campus with time. Ram is running to "give a voice" to young people, but Pearson and Zuckerman are already leading the fight on issues important to many of us, such as getting corporate money out of Vermont politics, universal healthcare and protecting the environment.

As members of Vermont's Progressive Party, they stand as an alternative to the shallow dichotomies of politics as usual. Their independence allows them to advocate strongly for local change, without paying loyalty to the behemoth, nationally-based "major" parties.

While Ram is certainly capable and qualified, I am unsure about what, if any, policy agreements she has with our current representatives that justify removing our effective representatives from office when their work is only beginning.

I encourage my fellow students to vote for change this fall by voting progressive.

Respectfully,  
Benjamin Dube  
Class of 2010



## Men's lax looks to earn tournament bid

**Men's lacrosse one win shy of making America East tournament, continuing season**

By ZACH PARKER  
Senior Staff Writer

While the 2008 UVM men's lacrosse season has had its rough patches, the team now sits one conference win away from carrying a 4-9 overall record (1-2 America East) into the America East postseason tournament.

"We've had a lot of things to be happy about this season," head coach Ryan Curtis said.

"There have been some bumps in the road and some frustrations, but there are a lot of little things that we are happy with."

The beginning of the season proved to be tough for the Catamounts, as they lost their first six games. However, the losses were against some of the best teams in the country, such as Duke and Virginia.

UVM won the first home contest of the season against Bellarmine and since then they have gone 3-3.

"The way we approach the

game, guys take it more seriously now, and they know there's a lot more at stake," Curtis said.

"Now if we lose to a really good team, there's a lot of frustration from the guys that they let that one get away."

The Catamounts have three games remaining in the regular season, one against America East foe UMBC and another against Holy Cross.

UVM will need a victory against UMBC in order to make the America East tournament and continue their season, but the victory will take some focus.

"The last couple of games we've come out a little slow," Curtis said.

"We're playing great second halves and bad first halves. Now it's just all about stringing together a full game."

With that notion in mind, the Cats will give it their best effort to make the tournament for the first time in recent memory.

"Right now we're just trying to get everything in place for a tough game on Sunday and do something that hasn't been done here in a while," Curtis said.

## Cats roll as Millar becomes UVM's all-time point leader

**Catamounts beat up on Binghamton, 23-9, junior Kristen Millar sets new record**

By JASON BUSHEY  
Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team left nothing on the table last Sunday, closing out their regular season with a 23-9 blowout of America East rival Binghamton.

The win places the Catamounts second heading in to the America East Tournament semifinals on Friday where they will face UNH at home at 4 p.m.

The game was highlighted by junior Kristen Millar surpassing former Catamount Vanessa Cox on the all-time

leading scorers list.

Millar broke the record with an assist on a goal by sophomore Sara Buxton with 17:21 left in the first half.

Millar, who finished the game with one goal and three assists on the day, was just one of the many leaders in UVM's offensive attack.

Junior Sarah DeStefano and freshman Megan MacDonald scored career-highs of five goals each, while senior Emilie Clark added another four.

11 Catamounts scored as the Cats piled up a season-high 23 goals past Binghamton goaltenders Sandra Alvarez and Lauren Scott.

The win also allowed Clark and fellow seniors Meaghan Hanley and Mikaela Fein to notch a victory on Senior Day.



(Amanda Apuzzo/ Vermont Cynic)

Freshman Megan MacDonald (10) takes a shot against Binghamton on Sunday.

## This Week

Tuesday, April 22 - Monday, April 29

**TUESDAY, April 22**  
Baseball

@ Dartmouth  
Hanover, N.H. 3:30 p.m.  
**Men's Lacrosse**  
@ Holy Cross  
Worcester, Mass. 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, April 23**  
Softball

vs. Albany  
Archie Post Field, 2 p.m.  
**Baseball**  
vs. Quinnipiac  
Centennial Field, 5:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, April 25**  
Track and Field

@ Drake Relays  
Des Moines, Iowa, TBA  
**Women's Lacrosse**  
America East Semifinals  
TBA, TBA

**SATURDAY, April 26**  
Track and Field

@ Drake Relays  
Des Moines, Iowa, TBA  
**Track and Field**  
@ UNH  
Durham, N.H., 11:30 a.m.

**Baseball**

@ Albany  
Albany, N.Y., 12 p.m.

**Softball**

vs. UMBC  
Archie Post Field, 12 p.m.

**Men's Lacrosse**

vs. UMBC  
Moulton Winder Field, 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY, April 27**  
**Women's Lacrosse**

America East Championship  
TBA, TBA  
**Softball**

vs. UMBC  
Archie Post Field, 12 p.m.

**Baseball**

@ Albany  
Albany, N.Y., 1 p.m.

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**Club Sports**  
Jake Ahrens  
Senior Staff Writer



**Men's volleyball club**

The men's volleyball club's season came to an end three weeks ago when they placed seventh in the Northeast regionals.

The club came out of the gates strong in the first day of competition, but faltered slightly on the second day, losing two tough games.

Happy with how the team did, club president Andrew Oliver said, "We played well and it was a good way to close out the season."

The club volleyball season lasts two months, extending from the beginning of February to the end of March.

However, the team plays and practices all year long, continuing to hold practices until the end of the semester.

"Throughout the season, our play was balanced," Oliver said.

"We had players who could play in different positions, which resulted in very little weaknesses."

The club is going to lose a couple of key seniors who were instrumental in their winning season.

"If we could improve in any aspect," Oliver said, "it would be our passing. It was all we talked about during the season."

Hurting for some new blood, the club is looking confident heading into next year, and always working to improve.

## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Good Week for David Wright

In a recent win over Washington, Wright went 3-4 with five RBIs and two runs.

The New York Mets have started the season a little slower than people expected, but not Wright. He has hit a home run in three straight games, which puts him at four for the year.

### Bad Week for the Golden State Warriors

The Warriors missed the playoffs this year after a six-point loss to the Suns, making them the team with the highest win total to miss the playoffs since the NBA expanded the playoffs to 16 teams.

Unable to win more than one game in row since early March, the Warriors were powerless to create any momentum down the stretch.

### Bad Week for the Chicago Cubs

Chicago's star leftfielder Alfonso Soriano appears headed for the Disabled List after straining his calf in the first inning of a game at Wrigley against the Cincinnati Reds.

If Soriano misses an extended amount of time, the Cubs will look to Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez to continue their standout offensive seasons and carry the team.

### Bad Week for Sean Avery

During an exciting play-off series in which his New York Rangers beat cross-river rivals New Jersey, Avery, the perennial trouble maker in the NHL, drew all of the attention to himself during Game three of the series.

Avery used his stick to shield Devils goalie Martin Brodeur's view. The action, previously legal, was turned into a penalty by the NHL a day later.

### Bad Week for the Olympic Torch

The Olympic torch relay has become a platform for protests of China's human rights record and on Sunday the Nepalese government approved the use of open fire to prevent riots.

Although approved, soldiers and police in Nepal will only use force as a last resort to protect the torch's run up Mount Everest in early May.

### Good Week for Knicks fans

New York Knicks fans can breathe a long overdue sigh of relief: Isiah Thomas has (finally) been fired as head coach.

Thomas is single-handedly responsible for strapping the Knicks salary cap through at least the 2010 season thanks to terrible free-agent signings while he served as team president.

The Knicks had an incredibly bad record of 56-108 with Thomas coaching.



(2-I-I)

As a wild NBA regular season concludes, it's time to decide who should take home MVP in a loaded race; Kobe, Lebron, KG and Chris Paul all have the credentials.

Who is your pick for MVP and why?

**AD:** Kevin Garnett, Boston Celtics.

Don't start talking about the Big Three before you realize in every sense that Garnett is the biggest of them all.

Garnett's has been the biggest influence, most consistent and best player in Boston's lineup.

Don't give me Kobe or Chris Paul or LeBron. Garnett didn't spend the season jumping over cars (or pretending to), starting every possession with the ball in his hands or taking photographs with Gisele. KG went out and hustled, won and put up numbers as good as anyone's.

If you want one stat to take to heart: these KG-led Celtics already own the biggest turnaround in league history from last year to this year.

**JA:** In the history of the NBA there have been only three players to average 30 points, seven rebounds, and six assists: Michael Jordan, Oscar Robertson and now the player who deserves to get MVP, LeBron James,

The true sign of MVP is how the team does without the player and the Cavaliers are 0-6 with James out of the lineup. No other MVP candidate can say their team has been so horrendous without them.

James is putting up numbers the NBA hasn't seen since Jordan and he is the obvious pick for MVP.

THE SCORE  
UM...CHRIS PAUL  
ANYONE? REALLY?

AUSTIN 0  
JAKE 1

# FACE OFF

AUSTIN DANFORTH VS. JAKE AHRENS

JUDGING BY JASON BUSHEY



(I-I-O)

With his team in the middle of the playoffs, Carmelo Anthony was arrested last Monday on suspicion of DUI.

What does this say about your perception of 'Melo as a leader?

**AD:** Even though he's the biggest star on his team, I'm not sure Carmelo Anthony was ever a real leader or ready to be one. Here are two reasons why:

1) He's dumb. If you're making that kind of coin, hiring a cab or a driver should be a given, a non-issue. In the 'Melo Leadership Manual it must be a standing rule that if you're going to drive your own car home hammered, you're not being a leader.

2) He's not ready. It seems pretty clear that one year of college and a few years of pro ball don't turn someone into a complete leader as a matter of course. Yeah, he's good enough to lead on the court but leading a team is more than filling up the stat sheet.

Maybe the 'Melo Manual says otherwise, though.

**JA:** Basically this entire incident with 'Melo made him look like a clown, but he doesn't have to worry about leading the Nuggets.

First, he isn't even the leading scorer on the team and second, they have plenty of savvy veterans that have been there, done that, to help lead Denver into the post season.

Last year he proved his immaturity when he got suspended for 15 games for bitch-slapping Nate Robinson of the Knicks, then running away.

THE SCORE  
HAND OVER THE KEYS  
NEXT TIME, 'MELO.

AUSTIN 1  
JAKE 1

Former Kansas and current UNC coach Roy Williams wore a Kansas logo at the NCAA Championship game just two days after his Tar Heels were dismantled by the Jayhawks. Was Williams being disloyal to UNC?

**AD:** Sporting Jayhawk apparel, however much he still loves them, was a huge faux pas!

Not considering that Williams has gotten rich from the payrolls of both institutions, Kansas and UNC, there is the fact that he was born in North Carolina and is a Tar Heel alum. Without UNC, he may have never even gotten to Kansas.

If he wants to root for them, fine, that's OK, he recruited some of the players on the KU team. Stand up and holler like a madman, that's just fine by me. Go to the locker room after the game, congratulate them — say something on national TV, that's fine.

Just wear a different shirt.

**JA:** Roy Williams coached Kansas for 15 seasons. In those 15 years he missed the NCAA tournament only once. He made the Final Four four times and was National Coach of the Year four times.

Williams has had a historic career at Kansas and when he was representing them in that game he was not being disloyal to UNC, but instead loyal to his past.

He did everything he could to win that game against Kansas two weeks ago, and his loyalty is obviously with the team he won a national championship with, UNC.

If any coach would ever want to lose it would be losing to the eventual national champions.

THE SCORE  
ROY WILLIAMS' CONTRO-  
VERSIAL SPRING FASHION.

AUSTIN 2  
JAKE 1

## 2008 Scoreboard and Standings

Results	Softball	Overall
Baseball	Saturday, April 19	Overall - (8-8)
Tuesday, April 15	Game 1: Loss @ Maine	Stony Brook - (2-4)
Win @ Dartmouth (F/ 10)	UVM: 4	Overall - (4-12)
UVM: 8	Maine: 9	Binghamton - (0-5)
Dartmouth: 7		Overall - (4-10)
Wednesday, April 16	Game 2: Win @ Maine	
Win @ Quinnipiac	UVM: 7	
UVM: 7	Maine: 3	
Quinnipiac: 10		
Friday, April 18	Sunday, April 20	
Loss vs. Stony Brook	Loss @ Maine	
SB: 10	UVM: 3	
UVM: 4	Albany: 4	
Saturday, April 19	Hartford - (6-2)	
Game 1: Loss vs. Stony Brook	Overall - (13-18)	
SB: 2	Stony Brook - (7-4)	
UVM: 1	Overall - (19-15)	
	Vermont - (4-3)	
Game 2: Win vs. Stony Brook	Overall - (16-13)	
SB: 2	Binghamton - (6-5)	
UVM: 5	Overall - (13-21)	
	Maine - (3-4)	
Sunday, April 20	Overall - (14-17-1)	
Loss vs. Stony Brook	Albany - (4-7)	
SB: 15	Overall - (9-27-1)	
UVM: 7	UMBC - (3-8)	
	Overall - (11-22)	
Men's Lacrosse		
Sunday, April 20	UMBC - (4-0)	
Win/ Loss @ Albany	Overall - (9-3)	
UVM: 0-0-3-0-3	Stony Brook - (3-1)	
Albany: 3-5-4-1	Overall - (7-4)	
	Albany - (2-1)	
Women's Lacrosse	Overall - (5-7)	
Wednesday, April 16	Vermont - (1-2)	
Loss @ Boston College	Overall - (4-9)	
UVM: 6-5-11	Binghamton - (1-3)	
BC: 4-8-12	Overall - (3-7)	
	Hartford - (0-4)	
Friday, April 18	Overall - (0-12)	
Loss vs. Oregon (OT)		
Oregon: 5-6-1-12	Women's Lacrosse	
UVM: 7-4-0-11	Boston University - (6-0)	
	Overall - (13-2)	
Sunday, April 20	Vermont - (4-1)	
Win vs. Binghamton	Overall - (7-8)	
Binghamton: 6-3-9	New Hampshire - (4-2)	
UVM: 14-9-23	Overall - (11-4)	
	Stony Brook - (2-4)	
	Overall - (8-6)	
	Albany - (2-4)	

## Softball's long road trip nearly over, home opener this week

Despite playing every game away from UVM, softball team still in the A-East Tournament hunt

By JAKE AHRENS

Senior Staff Writer

After playing 10 games in eight days, the UVM softball team had a week off before last weekend's crucial series against Maine.

"Our goal since the beginning is to make the tournament," head coach Marcy Hickey said. "It is an uphill battle, but we are capable of achieving it. We have to take it one game at a time, and we have to make no mistakes."

In the past, UVM has had some difficulty playing Maine, but going into the weekend series, the softball team was confident in their ability to win, not to mention Maine started their season with a 28-game losing streak.

"Last week was a busy week for us," Hickey said. "But now we're in a positive place and playing aggressive. Our offense is coming on strong, which has been inconsistent this season."

One of the reasons for the strong offensive output is the team's ability to steal bases. UVM has one of the highest steal percentages in the America East, and all the recruiting and focus put into speed has paid off.

Though the Catamounts were optimistic in their abilities going into the weekend series at Maine, they unfortunately dropped the three game series 2-1, extending their record to 11-22, and 4-10 in league play.

In the first of the three games, UVM came out of the gates fast, scoring three runs in the first inning. But Maine responded in the second inning, exploding for six and cruising to a 9-4 victory.

Senior Aimee Kern was able to pitch the distance for the Cats, giving up six hits with four earned runs and 13 strikeouts.

In the second game of the Saturday double-header, the Catamounts were able to secure a 7-3 win. Junior Allison Daggett was able to pitch a complete game, allowing only three hits while striking out four.

The final game against the Black Bears was a heart-breaker for the Cats. UVM tied it at three in the top of the seventh only to let up the game winning run in the next half inning.

Freshman Caroline Goddard and senior Elena Rizza had two hits each, and Goddard finished the series going 6-11 at bat.

UVM has played every one of their games this year on the road, and their home opener is scheduled for this week, as they play host to Albany this Wednesday.



# Baseball splits Stony Brook doubleheader



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Junior Jeff Nolet (30) drives a ball to right field off Stony Brook pitcher Tom Koehler last Friday. Nolet went 1-for-4 on Friday and 1-for-2 on Saturday.

## Late hitting keys Cats' 5-2 win in second game of Saturday's double-header at Centennial Field

By AUSTIN DANFORTH

Senior Staff Writer

In a game that had the makings of and ended up becoming a pitchers' duel between two staff aces, Stony Brook's Gary Novakowski got the extra run he needed in the seventh inning to pick up a 2-1 win for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook went ahead in the top of the third inning on an RBI double from Stephen Marino that plated teammate Chad Rebecca.

Rebecca scored the game winning run four innings later, reaching base on an infield hit — after advancing bases on two consecutive outs, Rebecca scored on Chad Marshall's line drive into short center field.

Novakowski, the 2007 America East Pitcher of the Year, yielded the tying run an inning later when UVM senior Kyle Massie drove sophomore Ethan Paquette home with an infield hit that car-

omed off of Novakowski's leg.

The Seawolves pitcher threw a complete game, allowing five hits, walking one batter and striking out two, moving to 4-3 on the season. Novakowski shut down UVM after Massie's single, retiring the last 10 Catamount batters.

Vermont junior Joe Serafin — who missed the 2007 season due to injury — suffered just his first conference loss in his last 10 starts, his second loss of the season (4-2).

Serafin also went the distance, spreading four hits over seven innings, walking three batters and striking out two.

"It was a tight game, a well-pitched game," UVM head coach Bill Currier said. "[Novakowski] was in and out with his fastball and kept us off of the plate."

Massie had the Cats' best game at the plate, going 2-3, while freshman Mark Micowski, senior Miguel Magrass and freshman Jason Leclerc each had a hit for UVM.

Marino was the only Seawolf with a multi-hit game, going 2-3 with a single and a double.

In the second half of the afternoon twinbill, the dogs in the third baseline picnic area were the only ones playing around — the Seawolves, on the other side of the fence, were busy dealing with some hot Catamount bats.

With the game tied 1-1 after the top half of the fifth inning, the Catamounts finally got the clutch runs they were missing in their previous two games.

Seawolves pitcher Mike Errigo struck out Massie and Brad Currier to start the bottom of the fifth — then the top of the UVM order got to the plate.

Four consecutive singles from Micowski, sophomore Justin Milo, Magrass and freshman Matt Duffy led to



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Freshman centerfielder Mark Mikowski (3) leads off of first last Friday.

two runs and a 3-1 lead by the end of the inning.

In the sixth, UVM tacked on two more runs to cushion the lead for starting pitcher Keith Rakus. With senior Kyle Henry and junior Jeff Nolet on first and second, Massie hit a deep drive to right-center, scoring both runners and giving Massie his second triple of the game.

"We had some key hits," Currier said. "We're finally hitting with some guys on base — getting guys on base

and then hitting with them on base."

Massie led the UVM resurgence at the plate, going 2-3 with three RBIs. He is tied for the team lead in triples (5) and tied for third in RBIs (21).

UVM sits at 16-13 (4-3, third place in America East) following the double header. Stony Brook, picked to finish first in the preseason coaches' poll, moves to 19-14 (7-3, 2nd place) with Saturday's split.

## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Senior Staff Writer



### Spring time is beard time

Playoff beards during the NHL playoffs might just be professional hockey's most endearing quality.

Forget the fact that the intensity level is ratcheted up, oh, 11 notches for the playoffs — take Saturday night's game between Boston and Montreal, with five goals coming in the last 10 minutes of the game — and that the players look like they absolutely could not skate any harder.

This is noticeably different from other major team sports, professional or otherwise, with the exception of March Madness, which speaks for itself.

In the NHL playoffs, the players manage to work harder and skate faster with an ever-growing portfolio of facial hair.

The plain and simple fact is that the playoff beard ranks up there with the best, most often overlooked rituals of any sport.

Mint juleps and outlandish hats at the Kentucky Derby, the champion's dinner menu after the Masters, what used to be Keith Jackson calling the Granddaddy of Them All and several others fall into this esteemed category.

More sports should adopt the superstitious, spiritual, badass nexus that is the playoff beard. When I see the beards under the helmets I think two things.

Well, OK, probably three things.

1. YES.
2. This is why playoff hockey is great.
3. Spring is here — summer is on its way. (Yes I think in em-dashes.)

I've also incorporated the ritual into my own life by foregoing shaving my saintly visage during golf tournaments, whether I'm playing or caddying, and generally try to avoid shaving on days that I do play.

Odds are that's too much information, but I'm going to keep going.

See, the key here is that the playoff beard is at once underappreciated, unique and a sign of spring.

Golfers are returning to their homes away from home: the links.

We all head down to the beach on days like last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (we were blessed with quite the stretch of weather, weren't we?).

Professors often accommodate and/or make concessions to the triumphant return of 75 and sunny.

Baseball returns to Centennial Field — something you should all try to do before school's out, it's an incredible old park — and the Sox are scrapping with the Yanks.

Flowers are blooming, trees budding and playoff beards thickening (and with a succession of seven-game series, we could get some bushy ones by the end of May).

Spring is in the air, and I'm oh-so-happy for it.

So long, snow.

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### Cats Baseball

**Tuesday, April 15**

UVM 8, Dartmouth 7

**Wednesday, April 16**

UVM 10, Quinnipiac 7

**Friday, April 18**

Stony Brook 10, UVM 4

**Saturday, April 19 Game 1:**

Stony Brook 2, UVM 1

**Game 2:**

UVM 5, Stony Brook 2

**Sunday:**

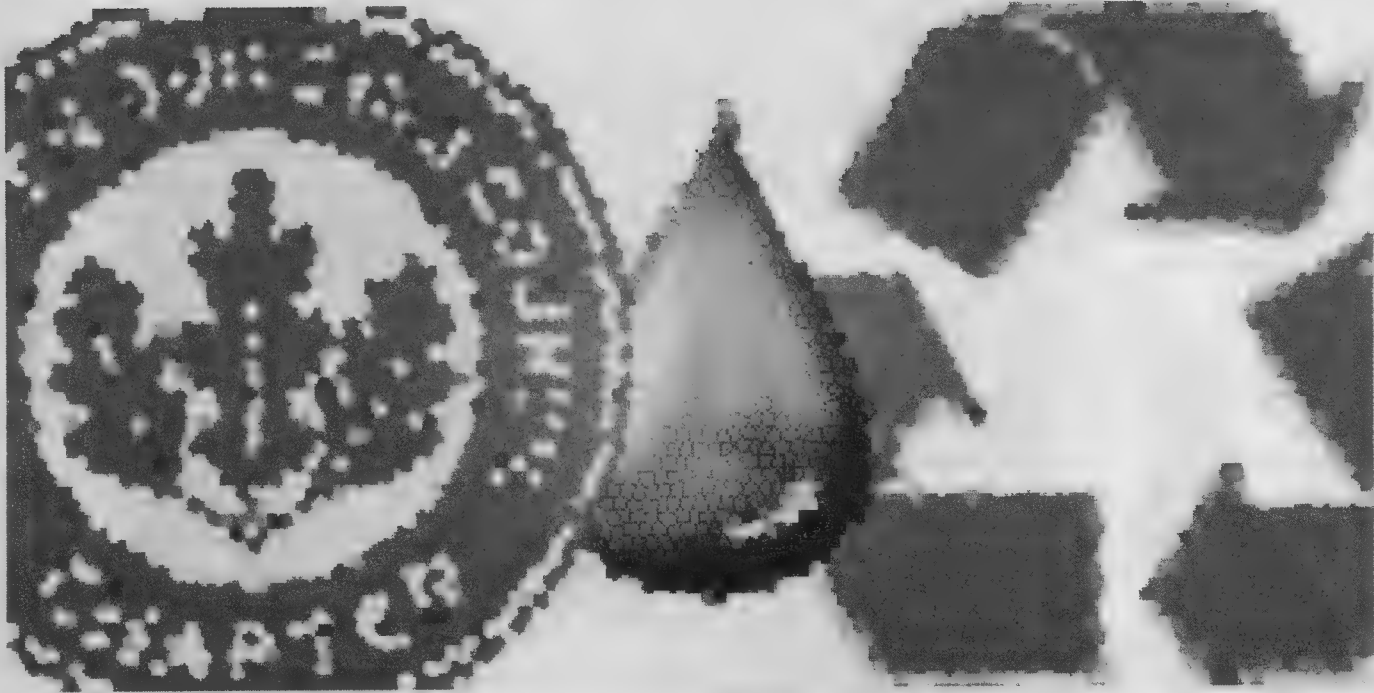
Stony Brook 15, UVM 7

**Who's next?**

**Tuesday, April 22**

@ Dartmouth, 3:30 p.m.

# Going Green



By Brendan Filkins

The colorful definition of "green" has taken a back seat to the global demand to reduce environmental impact.

With countless national ranking systems evaluating the University on different levels and from different perspectives, it has become unclear how green UVM really is.

Many of these ranking systems are less than accurate, Gioia Thompson, director of the Office of Sustainability at UVM, said.

They are often organizations that choose what components of being "green" are important to them and rank accordingly, but don't necessarily represent reality, she said.

"We could have the most recycling if we just bought a ton of New York Times' and threw them in our recycling bins, but that doesn't make us green."

Gioia Thompson, Director of the Office of Sustainability

Not only are there endless components to reducing ecological impact, but it is also very easy to cheat these ranking systems, Thompson said.

Even Thompson has been offered and declined cheating techniques that could be grant UVM a nice green title in the public eye, she said.

But as UVM sophomore Elias Rosenblatt said, "labels are good, but what are we really doing? Being at the top of these lists should not be at the forefront of our goals."

"We could have the most recycling, if we just bought a ton of New York Times and threw them in our recycling bins," Thompson said. "But that doesn't make us green."

"Green is any activity (or lack there of) that reduces our impact on the environment," Alan McIntosh, a UVM professor and director of the Water Research and Lake Studies Center, said.

To Thompson, this translates - with respect to a university - into impact per student, which really comes down to "space per student."

She said that this definition is controversial among colleagues and critics, but is the reality.

Eighty percent of all carbon emissions come from buildings versus roughly 20 percent from transportation and other sources, she said.

"We still heat all of our buildings with fossil fuels," she said. This is compared to universities like McGill in Montreal that use primarily hydropower.

According to Green Building Coordinator Michelle Mullarkey, UVM is putting a lot of its efforts toward better utilizing space on campus more efficiently for fossil fuels.

McIntosh said that one way UVM is doing this is through the use of the LEED ecological rating system.

The acronym, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, has become a corner-stone for ecological construction and renovation, he said.

All sources interviewed agree that LEED is a good system to be using despite criticisms it has received.

It can be picked apart because it is not a regional rating system. "It is the same here as it is in Arizona and often the climates are different," Mullarkey said.

A building's rating comes from a 69-point system and then receives a "platinum," "gold" or "silver" award.

UVM has four buildings on campus that are LEED certified, including University Heights and the Davis Center, both with a gold ranking, and Carrigan wing and Wing/Davis/Wilks with silver.

Mullarkey said that there is also a pending certification on the University building at 438 College Street.

"Yeah, the Davis Center is supposedly really green, but I think it's more of a 'green-front,'" UVM junior Alison Miley said. "I think the building is a little excessive."

This represents a very small portion of the buildings on campus and many of the other buildings were designed and built in a time when environmental impact just wasn't a big deal, Rosenblatt said.

Mullarkey thinks that the least energy efficient building on campus is the Waterman building because of its age.

But Rosenblatt disagrees. She lists the science buildings as most likely to be inefficiently using the most energy as a result of poor design, high-energy

demand and much-needed renovation.

In correlation, the Rubenstein School's Aiken building will be undergoing a drastic renovation as the environmental school strives for a never-before-achieved-at-UVM platinum LEED certification, according to McIntosh.

The renovations would include everything from energy efficient windows to a "green roof," he said.

The cost, as always, appears to be the biggest factor in not improving the many buildings that fall short of LEED certification, Rosenblatt said.

He said the large-scale renovations that would result in LEED certification would send tuition considerably higher than it already is.

Outside of LEED, there are many other ways UVM is dedicated to reducing the impact of their buildings, Mullarkey said.

She said that all the digging and pipe-related construction seen on campus was the installation and reparation of the central steam lines.

This is far more efficient than individual heating and cooling systems in every building, Thompson said.

The central steam lines would result in the ability "to operate the Davis Center without increasing the University's energy use" she said.

There are multiple environmentally-focused clubs and groups of students around campus that are also working to improve the efficiency of the buildings on campus, Mullarkey said.

Eco-reps are students that can be found in every single dorm, and Mullarkey refers to them as "ecological RAs."

They are paid to promote environmentally-friendly initiatives in the dorms, she said.

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Alison Miley, Junior

Eco-reps sponsor campaigns like "Do It In the Dark," where students are encouraged to turn off the lights to conserve energy.

Although the UVM community's primary "ecological footprint" might come from the buildings



we use on campus, transportation constitutes a large portion of greenhouse gases as well.

McIntosh and Rosenblatt both agree that any alternative to driving around alone in an SUV is a good one.

McIntosh said there are now fully-electric campus cars.

Although the electricity still comes from somewhere it is a little better than using standard gasoline, he said.

One reason electricity is greener is because we are in Burlington, Thompson said.

Burlington Electric Company uses over 60 percent renewable energy, Thompson said, and attributes much of that to community demand for green energy.

Rosenblatt said that many students get along fine at UVM without a car and if necessary should carpool or better yet, use public transportation.

UVM buses have recently been upgraded to use bio-diesel fuel in an effort to reduce their contribution of greenhouse gases, Thompson said.

However, she said that the bio-diesel being used was not from local restaurants and she was unsure how the fuel was transported to Burlington and where it comes from.

Thompson also mentioned many ethical complications of using crops for clean fuel while raising the cost of food for many already hungry nations.

If public transportation cannot meet your demands, McIntosh suggests - for those who can afford it - a Toyota Prius.

Although greenhouse gases from buildings and transportation constitute the largest immediate global impact, our University often overlooks a lot of indirect ways that these gases are emitted.

UVM sets an example for Vermont by "demonstration" wind turbines and solar panels that are located on the heating plant, Thompson said.

She said that each only produces enough energy to run a single residential building and that the power isn't actually used but rather sold back into the power grid.

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," Rosenblatt said when asked what students can do for the environment.

Research Associate Professor Don Ross said that UVM has actually been getting worse at recycling and reducing waste in the last couple of years, despite strives to improve energy efficiency.

Thompson uses the analogy that "students are aware that they should floss their teeth, but it doesn't always happen."

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by "Recyclemania" in the top four northeastern schools for waste minimization Thompson said.

"We recycle about 35 percent of all our waste," she said, compared to 60 percent by Middlebury College.

She attributes the difference to a "separation plant" on campus at Middlebury but did not say why UVM does not have one.

One of UVM's greenest achievements is its ranking in the top six for sustainable endowment investments, Thompson said.

"We have a socially responsible investment committee," she said.

According to McIntosh, UVM's greenest efforts are beyond investments, infrastructure and even practice.

Thompson called it "out-

reach," which refers to the students' mentality that goes beyond the University's, into a realm of global "community."

The best thing students can do to fight climate change is talk about it "and know what you're talking about," Rosenblatt said.

McIntosh said he would like to see every student take at least some kind of environmental education class, even if it's introductory level. Rosenblatt also suggested keeping up with the news. "There's a science section in all the big newspapers."

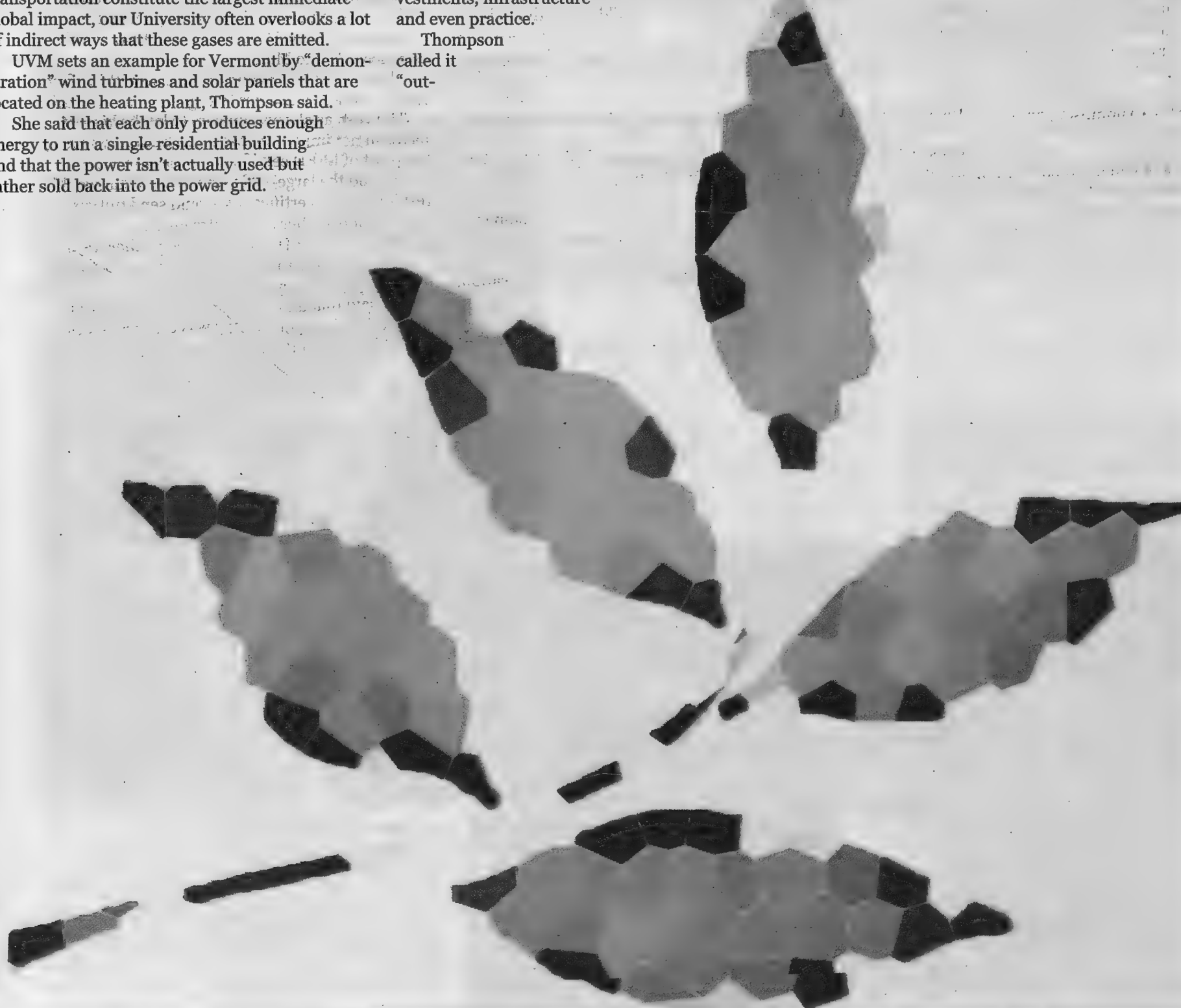
UVM's effort to be green cannot be ranked or quantified but will make the biggest difference.

President Fogel made a commitment last spring to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) organization to move towards a climate neutral campus, Ross said.

Rosenblatt thinks that it is a good thing that the administration has made the environment a top priority but has some concerns for the future.

He said that the new administration, in an effort to be recognized as a prestigious school, might lose its attraction to some of the more "grassroots" students (or "hippies").

They really represent an environmentally responsible part of the student body and UVM should certainly consider how the new administration is changing the University's appeal, Rosenblatt said.



## [SPEC]TACLE



Fans surf the crowds at this year's Springfest on central campus.

(Bobby Bruderle/ Vermont Cynic)

Seventy-five degree sunny weather, music and games found a mob of students and security guards alike, gathered on the CBW green to enjoy (or enforce) Springfest 2008.

Concert goers heard from the likes of The Dawson Leary Project, Dr. Dog, Bernie Worell, Leo Nocentelli and Talib Kweli, over the course of almost five hours.

Hula Hoopers danced and the occasional crowd surfer landed on the wrong side of the line as the sun beat down on the scant-

ily clad crowd.

And, while many may agree that the bash was a success, some veterans of Springfest were nothing short of disappointed.

Many chose to stay at home due to the musical line-up, or ticket price, while other like Junior Laura Wagenblast simply remarked, "Springfest was pretty lame this year."

BY ANDRE MALERBA



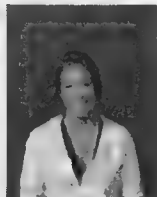
(Bobby Bruderle/ Vermont Cynic)



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Above: Talib Kweli works the crowd under the harsh afternoon sun; Left: Dr. Dog, a regular on the Burlington music scene, warms the crowd up before the headliner.





Sarah Palmer '09



Ben Fiorilo, '11



Chris Dubin, '08



Lily Kielman, '10

What is the worst possible thing to say to a newly admitted student?

You're wasting your money.

UVM is as 'green' as it says it is.

Be careful for ice on the naked bike ride.

That you hate UVM.

What is your favorite song to listen to on a sunny day?

Bela Fleck's "The Stomping Ground."

"Here Comes The Sun" by The Beatles.

"A Sunday Smile" by Beirut.

"Here Comes the Sun" by The Beatles.

How did you celebrate 4/20?

I was hung over and now I'm doing work, maybe tonight it will be different.

I was rock climbing in NH, I was not under the influence.

I ripped a bong at North Beach.

I slept all day and then went to the library.

How do you hope to die?

Old age. Heart failure seems pretty reasonable.

Outside.

With honor and dignity.

Old age.

# CYNICAL INQUISITION

Cynical Inquisitor: Amanda Apuzzo

## This Week → 4.22 - 4.28

### tue

"AUDITORY RESPIRATIONS"  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SPRING ENVS  
COMMUNITY SUPPER  
Waterman Manor  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SA CONCERTS  
MEETING  
6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

ELIAS CLUB MEETING  
KALKIN 003  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

STAR MEETING  
Lafayette L200  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

BLACK STUDENT  
UNION MEETING  
L/L 216  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### wed

UVM SPRING  
TENANT'S FAIR  
Davis Center Atrium  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"AUDITORY  
RESPIRATIONS"  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

"SAVING FACE"  
SCREENING  
L/L B101  
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL  
SOCIALIST  
ORGANIZATION  
Lafayette L200  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

SOUTH SUDAN  
MISSION  
Old Mill John Dewey  
Lounge 325  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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"AUDITORY  
RESPIRATIONS"  
L/L Gallery  
12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

UVM SSC  
HOMEGROWN MOVIE  
NIGHT  
Billings Ira Allen  
Lecture Hall  
5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

ALISON BECHDEL  
LECTURE  
Fleming Museum 101  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

RHYTHM & BREWS  
COFFEEHOUSE  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

HEBREW  
CONVERSATION  
L/L A161  
8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### fri

SHABAT TO GO  
Davis Center Atrium  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

BEN STEIN ON LIFE  
Ira Allen Chapel  
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

"THE LAST FIVE  
YEARS"  
Royall Tyler Theatre  
7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

LATIN DANCE PARTY  
FEATURING NYC DJ  
RAUL  
Davis Center Mt.  
Mansfield Room  
8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

GLO DANCE  
Davis Center Livak  
Ballroom  
9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

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AERO GREENSPEED  
ROAD TEST  
UVM Campus  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE VS  
UMBC  
Athletic Field 2  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

CAT'S MEOW SPRING  
CONCERT  
Ira Allen Chapel  
3 p.m. - 11 p.m.

ORCHESIS DANCE  
COMPANY SPRING  
CONCERT  
Davis Sugar Maple  
Ballroom  
4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

"THE LAST FIVE  
YEARS"  
Royall Tyler Theatre  
7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

### sun

FIELD OF FLAGS  
University Green  
12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

FRIENDS OF INDIAN  
MUSIC & DANCE  
CONCERT  
Music Building  
Recital Hall  
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

CATAMOUNT DANCE  
CREW ANNUAL  
SHOWCASE  
Ira Allen Chapel  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

LATIN AMERICAN  
CULTURE FILM  
SERIES  
L/L B132  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### mon

UVM SUGAR-ON-  
SNOW PARTY  
The Catamount  
Statue  
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

L/L AWARDS &  
RECOGNITION  
L/L Fireplace Lounge  
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

FEELGOOD GENERAL  
MEETING  
Davis Center Jost  
Foundation Room  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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B-Side Cover: Liz Crawford



# The Dawson Leary Project, up in space

By OLIVIA SAPERSTEIN

Staff Writer

You have to be "in the know" to know how The Dawson Leary Project got their name, and you can rest assured that it isn't a reference to "Dawson's Creek."

"I've never seen an episode of 'Dawson's Creek,'" says band member Alex Schwartz.

I was lucky enough to get a sneak preview of the band that opened for Springfest — comprised of Schwartz, Alex Tobias Green and Steve Putnam while they rehearsed.

The group has no specific term to define their genre. Most people may jump to calling it trance or electronic, and while it definitely has a lot of those elements, it is also wildly rock savvy.

The guys aren't purely influenced by bands like The New Deal, but also by metal bands, such as Mastodon.

Both Schwartz and Green have been playing guitar since they can remember; the same goes for Putnam on drums, but they have only been playing together since the beginning of this school year.

While Putnam, or as his friends call him "Bisco Steve," (due to his fascination with the Disco Biscuits) sticks with



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)  
Alex Schwartz and his bandmates in The Dawson Leary Project open Springfest on Saturday after winning The Battle of the Bands.

drums, Schwartz and Green switch off on guitars, bass and synthesizers for different songs.

While the band writes many of their own songs, what's crucial is just to know where the jam is going to go. They cer-

tainly emphasize keeping it improvisational, and they are all about keeping the energy high.

"We want it to be all about the energy," Schwartz said on their Springfest performance. Green chimes in, "We're hoping people get down with the dance party." And they claim that their band is all about fun, "We're not going to start, like, singing about our ex-girlfriends," Schwartz said.

The first song played was "Molasses Bumblebee Gunshop," which started off as a relaxed summer riff that eventually escalated to the point where you can't help but smile.

The music isn't so electronic to the point where your brain hurts, they just use many of the effects also used in electronica. Putnam's drumming seems effortless, and the song soon morphs into another original, cleverly titled, "CLI Tortoise."

The band is entirely focused, and the members feed off of each other with excellent communication.

Another original, "Deep Space Avengers," immediately has you feeling like you're lost in another galaxy. The song has so many intense rises and falls, it's like having multiple orgasms. The jam eventually

leads into "Glade," by the New Deal, then into another cover, "Da Funk," by Daft Punk. How the band incorporates both covers and originals in such a short period of time, while enabling it to feel sufficiently long, one may never know.

Despite the various covers performed, The Dawson Leary Project never stays purely within the frame of the song. They are always adding their own style and improv after a few minutes.

For instance, their cover of "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots Pt. 2," by the Flaming Lips, (in which Schwartz was seamless on guitar), lead into a funky original called "Wildride," which used a sample from "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" of Johnny Depp's voice in which he simply lists different drugs.

This music is filled with unpredictable journeys (lasting an average of eight minutes), usually ending up with something that makes you want to dance and say, "fuck yeah!!"

However, you never get so lost that you forget where you are (like other jam bands) and the songs only take you to new heights of the ecstatic that are never drab, even when played slow.

## Security a hindrance for some, a necessity for others

By BRENDAN FILKINS

Senior Staff Writer

He's struggling not to stand out as he unwraps his third stick of gum and feels the penetrating glare of local authorities from across the room as he hands the bouncer his ticket.

Will he spend the night in prison?

The security at Higher Ground has a tremendous influence on UVM's music loving community and has received harsh patron and student media attention alike, but is this all legitimate?

The WaterTower featured a story on March 25 claiming, "Straight up, the people who work at Higher Ground are grade-A assholes."

The supporting attribution includes Higher Ground secu-

rity asking Sophomore Allen Roth to step outside and "sober up" before he was admitted entry.

Although there are many more extreme stories than that of Allen Roth, there appears to be a small contrast between The WaterTower's claim and their attribution.

Most students, according to sophomore Hank Black, aren't as worried about security as they are with cops.

"Security can't do shit but kick you out, but the cops will throw you in the drunk tank for the night," he said.

Black illustrates his claim with a tale of a freshman companion who was allowed entry by security but apprehended "violently" by police before making it to the venue doors.

The student, who refused

to provide a breath sample or identification, was taken to the Chittenden County Correctional Center or as Black called it, "full blown prison."

According to Black, the sleepless night included incarceration with "next level tweakers and hardened criminals."

So who invited the fuzz? Our elected officials.

According to owner Kevin Statesir under state law the venue has to answer to the Liquor Control Bureau, "any Vermont Law enforcement within jurisdiction" and the Labor and Industry Bureau regarding who gets in and who doesn't.

He said, "under state law any law enforcement officer can come into our building at anytime," no warrant neces-



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

Higher Ground, the popular Burlington music venue, has faced harsh criticism for its stringent security policies.

sary.

Which leads to the next law that anyone found intoxicated and underage by said officer, regardless of where they claim the alcohol was consumed, results in legal repercussions for the venue.

These repercussions range from large fines to suspension or revocation of entertainment and liquor licenses, according to Statesir.

The management stresses that it is far easier for security and police alike to determine someone who has been drinking alcohol than other things like smoking marijuana.

In slight contrast, sophomore Jim LaFreniere reports his friend being politely asked to leave the Disco Biscuits show April 2 by security as a result of pupil dilation.

LaFreniere said that his friend was "cheesin' balls" referencing a possible consumption of MDMA or "molly" and sporting an ear-to-ear

grin.

Although police were present, the student complied and left before police were involved, according to LaFreniere.

"If you go there and look too fucked up you might not get in," said sophomore Eamonn Kress. "I think they are pretty chill otherwise," summarizing the like-it-or-not bottom line at Higher Ground.

Statesir also stressed that he is aware that the demeanor of his security guards is the only patron complaint that he can legally address.

He said back in the day he was taken out back and beaten up by various venues' security and understands what it's like to be treated wrongly.

Statesir said that if anyone feels they are mistreated at Higher Ground, they are encouraged to contact him and that he deals with every individual complaint personally.

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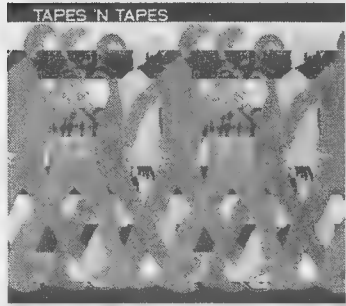
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# [critical] thinking

## "Walk It Off" an anticlimactic second release



**Tapes 'N Tapes**  
Walk It Off  
(XL Recordings)

★★★★★

**Sounds like:**

Modest Mouse  
My Bloody Valentine  
Mercury Rev

Somewhere between being produced by experienced indie rocker Dave Fridmann of Mercury Rev and being signed to the same label as Radiohead and The White Stripes, we might have expected more.

That's not to say that this work should be labeled a failure in comparison. Sure the production almost silences the keys and you can forget about listening for the timpani or omnichord, but these aren't album-killing losses. Just disappointing.

The music opens with

fuzzy guitar punctuated by a clean, rather catchy riff that would sound at home in a Silversun Pickups lineup.

And while the combination of its energetic drum and guitar lines with the slurred lyrics should remind you of the Pixies, it instead fails to present anything that will stick with you.

If you can make it through the next Modest Mouse-y ballad, the band turns it back up a few notches with "Hang Them All." Especially with its funky intro guitar line (and no, if it reminds you of RHCP's "Can't Stop," you're not going deaf).

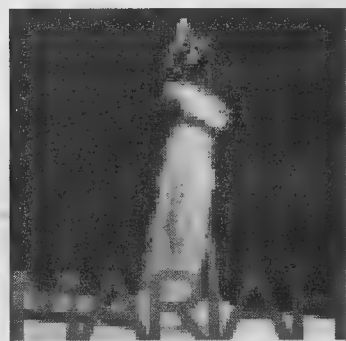
This song is easily the

most memorable song on the album and definitely deserves to be its first single.

Although "Anvil" and some of the other later songs fall flat, you can't get away with just listening to the first half of this album. The syncopated drums superimposed over a simple bass line and perfectly belted, catchy lyrics featured in "The Dirty Dirty" will leave you wondering, "Where did all the money go?"

In the end, this album's title says it all: Tapes 'N Tapes are still walking off their first album, hopefully into a brighter future.

## Einstein says, "E = Mariah Carey"



**Mariah Carey**  
E=MC²  
(Island)

★★★

**Sounds like:**

Mariah Carey!  
Mariah Carey!  
Mariah Carey!

Any album whose first video, for "Touch My Body," features Kenneth of "30Rock" is A-OK by me. Unfortunately, "E=MC²" is simply not as cool as Kenneth is. Mariah Carey's 11th album, while not horrible, is the

standard pop/R&B drivel we have come to expect from this iconic singer.

There are a few hot tracks, as there were on "Emancipation of Mimi," yet there are equally as many boring ones, too.

I have a giant soft spot

for Mariah Carey; she's got a hot bod, stunning vocal range, more diva attitude than Louis the XIV, and "Always Be My Baby" was the greatest song of the seventh grade.

However, while my musical taste has since matured, Mariah's style has not.

Her tunes are catchy, include the word "love" in every track and she can croon the pants off of any other singer.

She does, not surprisingly, lack the depth I've come to look for in an artist. She challenges herself a little bit with this album by collaborating

with T-Pain, Damian Marley and Young Jeezy on a couple of songs, but mostly E=MC² delivers the standard sugary fluff.

But that's not entirely bad; I love a cheesy love song as much as the next romantic chick, but I also need some growth and dimension in an album.

Basically, this album is for those who already love the diva known as Mariah Carey (come on, we all wish our legs were hot enough to insure) and cannot get enough of her high pitched and finger-snappin' beats.

## Why you shouldn't bet on "21"



**21**  
Robert Luketic Directs  
(Sony Pictures PG-13)

★★

I could list the 21 reasons why you shouldn't see this film, but all you really have to know is to not bet on it.

Kevin Spacey, despite lacking the emotional depth of his previous projects, can get away with this 122 minute techno-infused flick that was little a bit harder to chew than bubble-gum. But unfortunately it may be hard

for actor Jim Sturgess to come up for air.

Robert Luketic, director of "Monster in Law," adapts Ben Mezrich's '90's non-fiction book, "Bringing Down the House," to the big screen, but if only it were as believable as the true story it came from.

The film centers around Ben Campbell (Sturgess),

an MIT student who's desperately seeking a way to pay for his next four years at Harvard Med. Campbell is noticed in class for his brilliance by his professor Micky Rosa (Spacey), who soon pulls him into a secret ring of students who teach him how to count cards at casinos in Vegas.

This makes him lots of money, and he quickly ditches his nerdy friends (who are more annoying than funny), and is pulled into a world of luxury and overpriced cocktails (yet I still can't help but wonder why he was blowing cash on expensive threads while saving up for tuition).

If your taste is for predictable narrative then this is indeed a winner, as the entire time you are awaiting Campbell's inevitable downfall. Even more bromidic were the love scenes, which actually

included a slow motion sequence when Campbell sees Jill Taylor (Kate Bosworth) at the school gym.

There was one believable moment in the film when Campbell gets caught counting cards at the tables and is taken to the basement of the casino, only to be sucker-punched by an angry Laurence Fishburne. Sturgess' puppy-dog whimpering at the sight of brass knuckles could make anyone's heart thump as fast as the ongoing techno beat.

Ultimately, due to the world's cheesiest writing and brainless predictability, this movie should be put on reserve for desperate nights flipping through On-Demand while babysitting your cousin.

I mean, there's a reason why it's rated PG-13.

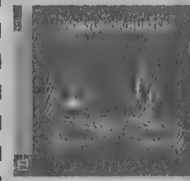
## DIGGIN' IN THE CRATES

Brooke Morrison, WRUV's Music Director and Benjamin Dube, aka Joe Camel and The Nicoteenie Boppers have selected five albums from amazing singer-songwriters. You should probably listen to these, really.



**Elliot Smith,**  
"XO"  
(Dreamworks)

This prolific and tragic singer-songwriter writes some of the most heartfelt and simplistically beautiful songs you will ever hear. "XO" features some of his best, such as "Sweet Adeline" and "Baby Britain."



**Apostle of Hustle,**  
"Folkloric Feel"  
(Arts and Crafts)

One of the regulars in Broken Social Scene, Andrew Whiteman creates beautiful, layered acoustic sounds with mesmerizing, floating vocals. The whole album is amazing, but especially "Animal Fat" and "Kings and Queens." Oh, and "Sleepwalking Ballad"... and "Gleaning." You get the idea.



**Beirut, "Lon Gisland EP"**  
(Ba Da Bing)

Well if you don't know Zach Condon's work yet, you are doing yourself a disservice. At only 22, he is making beautiful music and gaining adoring fans across the world with his Balkan-inspired orchestrations. One listen and you'll be transported to dusty roads flanked by vineyards, laughing in the sun with roving Frenchmen and carrying nothing but a suitcase around the world. This EP has "Elephant Gun," a staggeringly beautiful song, and a medley of his other works such as "Carousel" and "My Family's Role in the World Revolution."



**Andrew Bird's**  
"Bowl of Fire,"  
"The Swimming Hour"  
(Rykodisc)

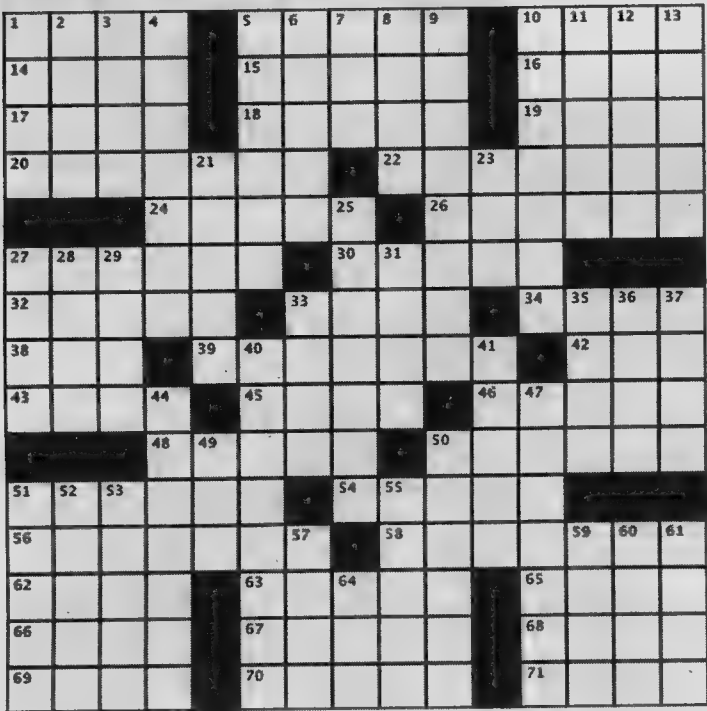
This is one of the best, from his old moniker, with such gems as "Greenland." Listen to "Why?" and imagine him performing it, please. It is a life changing experience, for real.



**Mirah and Spectratone International,**  
"Share this Place: Stories and Observations"  
(K. Records)

Concept albums can be fun, especially when they're about ladybugs and grasshoppers. Insects are cool, and Mirah knows it. Using all acoustic instruments, she sings adorable songs from the point of view of bugs! She gives voice to ants, dung beetles and all other varieties of beautiful little creatures that might just be a little misunderstood. Check out "Community" and "Credo Cigalia."

# CROSSWORD



# P U Z Z L E

- ACROSS**  
1- Exclamation to express sorrow  
5- Yogi  
10- The majority of  
14- French novelist  
15- Rust, e.g.  
16- Woody's boy  
17- Egg-shaped  
18- Grow to maturity  
19- Jump  
20- Dizzying sensation  
22- Intervene  
24- Units  
26- Male goose  
27- Frenzied woman  
30- Flat surface  
32- Celestial being  
33- Spotty  
34- Annoyed  
38- Genetic messenger  
39- Supervise  
42- Indian dish  
43- Write software  
45- Greek god of love  
46- Sierra  
48- Actress Christine  
50- Caprice  
51- Assent  
54- Cathedral  
56- Narcotic stupor  
58- Fabric for making suits  
62- Petty quarrel, ejected saliva  
63- Santa's aides  
65- Worshipped one  
66- Sea eagle
- DOWN**  
1- Northern arm of the Black Sea  
2- Deep affection  
3- Banned apple spray  
4- Salted cracker  
5- Counterfeit  
6- Self-evident truth  
7- Hide of a small beast  
8- As previously given, in footnotes  
9- Apostate  
10- Delicate net  
11- Mountain nymph of Greek mythology  
12- Roofing stone  
13- Hard drinker  
21- Writer Calvino  
23- Rockers Steely  
25- Like a snail's shell  
27- Painter Chagall  
28- Domini  
29- Old-fashioned exclamation of surprise  
31- Not so much  
33- Saucy  
35- Scent  
36- Wife of a rajah  
37- K-6  
40- Impassioned  
41- Fragrant resin  
67- Approaches  
68- Shriveled, without moisture  
69- Fibbed  
70- Rigid  
71- Domesticated
- SOLUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK**  
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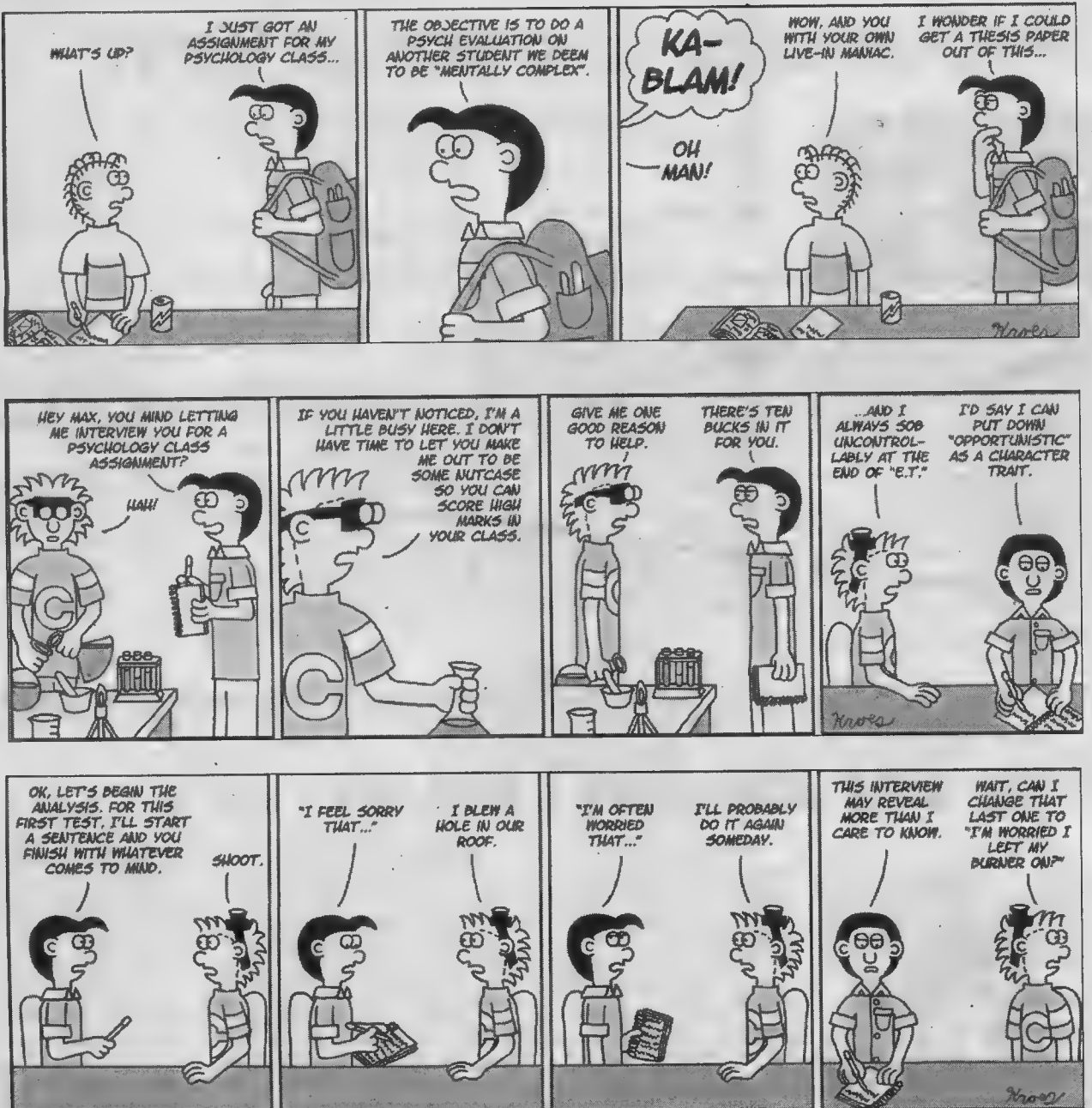
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## Last Ditch Effort

By John Kroes



# Classifieds

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# The Steering Column

Car facts by Andrew P. Collins  
Junk in the trunk

It seems like people are trying to minimize clutter in their living spaces lately. That makes a lot of sense, but when it comes to your car there's some junk you might actually want in your trunk ... or glovebox.



**Spare.** All modern cars roll off the showroom floor with a spare tire and a jack. But many college students are not driving cars that are fresh out of the dealer, so it might be worth your while to make sure you're traveling with a working jack and a viable spare tire.

At the same time, it wouldn't hurt if you also knew how to install that spare tire, should the situation arise.

**Jumper Cables.** If you leave a light on in your car, you may find that it won't start later due to a dead battery. This situation can be remedied with jumper cables. But be careful, you're dealing with a lot of electricity and you can't just stick those clamps anywhere.

Do another search on [www.eHow.com](http://www.eHow.com) for a video on how to use them properly, and keep in mind that you should run your car for at least 30 minutes after jumping it to give the alternator some time to charge the battery.

**Cell Phone Charger.** Cell phones are an essential part of everyone's lives these days. To keep yours running, consider a charger that plugs into your car's 12V socket.

**Manual.** Just like your DVD player, your car came with an instruction manual. While pretty much no one reads it cover to cover, it's not a bad idea to have it on hand in case an issue comes up on the road.

**Maps.** It might seem obvious, but it doesn't hurt to have some maps on hand. At the very least, the awkwardness of trying to figure out all those squiggly lines is far more appealing than the notion of asking someone for directions.

**Camera.** A helpful item that might not occur to everyone to carry in their car is a camera. If you don't want your nice digital camera lying around, consider leaving a cheap disposable camera in your glovebox.

You never know when you'll see something on your travels that you want to capture. Not only that, but if you're in an accident your insurance company will benefit from having photographs of the situation.



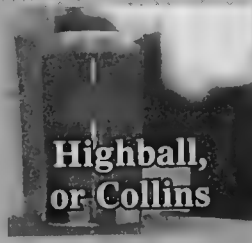





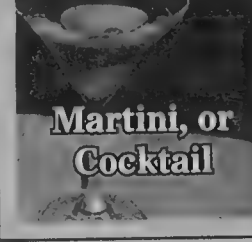

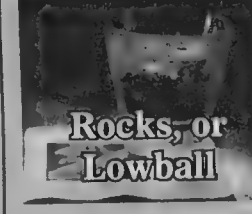

**Flashlight.** A flashlight may come in handy as well. It will help you find other things in your car at night, and will help you inspect the engine with just a little less futility if it starts making strange noises in the dark.

**Shovel.** So maybe the kid with the spade strapped to his Land Rover is overdoing it, but you don't have to be off-roading to justify having a small shovel in the car. It could be used to dig out a snow, or whatever you get stuck in.

Making these things work for your feng shui. You'll need this

# Knowing your hardware

The best glass to use to stay classy

Type of glass	Why it's used	Who uses it	What UVM students use
 Beer Mug	A sturdy, thick walled glass with a handle to keep your hands from warming the drink. Unless of course you're British and prefer your beer warm. While any type of beer can be poured inside, you're more likely to be downing a Wolaver's than a PBR.	Those with German or Irish blood in them will find themselves drinking out of a mug more often than a can. People who go for the glass don't fool around when it comes to beer.	 Solo Cup
 Highball, or Collins	A tall, straight glass used for mixed drinks with large portions of soda or juice. Whiskey and ginger ale, rum and coke, and vodka and orange juice are all classics. For the next step up, try a mojito.	This glass is for those who enjoy getting their swell on at the gym and showering in Jagerbombs.	 Solo Cup
 Red Wine	Stemware with a curved, balloon-like bowl. The small diameter of the lip allows the wine to be swirled around with more surface area to breathe.	French film, and Dietetics majors alike share an affinity for red wine. What's not to like about an alcoholic beverage that holds flavor, history, and health benefits?	 Solo Cup
 Champagne Flute	Characterized by its thin glass and tall, narrow shape, the champagne flute is designed to retain the carbonation as much as possible. Drinks can easily be made with some fruit liqueurs, and it's hard to go wrong with a mimosa.	As is the case with the beer mug, there is a difference between those who sip from a champagne flute, and chug from an André bottle. The former are usually weekend warriors who can find a reason to celebrate anything.	 Solo Cup
 Martini, or Cocktail	The pyramidal shape of this glass is designed for cradling olives in the traditional gin and vermouth mix. If you're unsure of what glass to use for any hard liquor, chances are no one will call you out if you combine everything into a cocktail.	These glasses make appearances at piano parties and black and white parties, where the girls are wearing dresses to match the name and price of their drink.	 Solo Cup
 Rocks, or Lowball	This stout cup is meant to be holding mostly ice for extremely chilled drinks. Black and white russians, and mai tais work well here. The same goes for any sort of shot mixed with juices or soda.	While the stereotypical rocks glass user is probably wearing a smoking jacket and contemplating their single malt whisky, the wide variety of drinks that can be served is making the glass popular with the less uppity.	 Solo Cup

Written by TERRA-NOVA SADOWSKI

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Rocks, Champagne, Beer mug (courtesy of creative commons/fenchurch, handcoding, photoDu.de)

# THREAD BARE

Since this is my farewell column (indeed, I am graduating), I thought I would provide you with my eight essentials to help you step out in style this summer.



Magdalena Jensen

1. **Blue mascara:** I adore blue mascara for the summer. When those warm summer rays hit your eyes, the blue just pops out and looks so cool.

Plus, a lighter, more effortless makeup look is perfect, low-maintenance, and allows your summer glow to shine through.

2. **Flat sandals:** Wedges may be all the rage this season, but who actually plans on clunking around Burlington?

They're sexy, but unrealistic, so opt for flats instead. Pick up a few pairs of cheap leather sandals; wear 'em with jeans, skirts, to the beach, etc.

Oh, and skip the flip-flops, unless you are going swimming; they're simply too laid back.

3. **Light scarves:** Scarves are lifesavers when it's a wee bit chilly in the evening or when you decide impromptu skinny-dipping is in order (they double as a little towel).

Plus, scarves pull together a super simple jean shorts and t-shirt outfit, making you look less like Britney Spears and more like Nichole Ritchie (the new, stylish, made-over Nichole, not the coke-addict, raver Nichole).

4. **Tote Bags:** Tote bags rock the Kasbah ... er ... what I mean is that they are the best. Buy a simple, plain

canvas bag and customize it.

Opt for splatter paint over bedazzling jewels. Totes not only carry your veggies home from the farmer's market, but they fit a beach towel with a few beers rolled into it very nicely.

Plus, leather is far too heavy for the warm weather (it soaks up your sweat ... EW).

5. **Water:** Drink loads of it. You will probably be working up a sweat just walking from your house to the lake.

I suggest throwing a Nalgene in the requisite tote for a little refresher (not to mention, alcohol is a diuretic, so it's important to rehydrate).

Additionally, we're in our early 20s, far too early to be seriously concerned with wrinkles, but old enough to start preventive measures (a.k.a. proper hydration).

## Season must haves: top 8 for a stylin' summer

6. **A good book:** Nothing's more stylish than a literate chick. Make sure to work through your reading list as much as you work on your tan.

7. **Sunscreen:** I am guilty of that first-day-of-summer burn. Every. Single. Year. But, after that, I always learn my lesson and use SPF 15 (minimum!) to avert wrinkles, skin cancer, and flakes of skin.

8. **Dresses:** Dresses are probably THE BEST way to leave the house in the summer.

Not only are they effortless, (Hello?! ONE item of clothing!) but also they can be dressed down, dressed up or just thrown over bathing suits. Basically, they are a summer necessity.

Remember, it's summertime, and the livin' is easy. Enjoy it - college summers are the best times of your life.



# Taste's good



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

Located on 112 Lake Street, Taste mixes the popular Burlington hippy feel with the class of an upscale restaurant.

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Editor-in-Chief

Don't let the neon signs outside or the Onion Rings on the menu fool you, Taste is a fashionable and upscale restaurant with a twist.

Located directly on the lakefront, this hippy-vogue restaurant has walls covered in chef/owner Rick Benson's wild and abstract artwork.

Between the brightly colored swirling paintings that cover the walls, and the creative dishes coming out of the kitchen, diners experience Benson's art all around them while enjoying his culinary skills on their plates.

The mood created by the artwork, the soft lighting and light music are perfect for an intimate date followed by a romantic walk by the water.

With prices ranging from \$7-\$13 for appetizers and \$19-\$30 for entrées, this is definitely a place for special occasions for students, but also a top choice when the parents are in town visiting.

The menu is diverse, whimsical and fun with dishes ranging from Chicken Carbonara with bacon and creamy white

wine sauce (\$21) to Benson's take on surf and turf with local lamb and Maine scallops served with cheddar mashed potatoes (\$30).

The incredibly light artichoke and asparagus soup (\$7) was a great way to start off the meal. Although slightly peppery, the soup was surprisingly light and would be perfect on a crisp spring day (or any day, for that matter).

As an entrée, I was enticed by the quirky idea behind Benson's mock "Duck" served with cherry tomato risotto (\$19). Using seitan, a product made

## The menu is diverse, whimsical and fun.

from wheat gluten, instead of duck, the dish was incredibly interesting but may have been too out there for me.

The almost gelatin-like texture of the seitan was slightly unappetizing on the plate, however the flavor was very good. While it was nowhere near the duck flavor I expected, if you are up to being adventurous, this is your dish.

The risotto had a full and

fresh flavor with cherry tomatoes and peas that popped in my mouth. The rice itself was more like a pilaf instead of risotto, but was still very enjoyable.

The crab cakes (\$10), Magic Hat steak tips (\$25) and chicken breast (\$23) come highly recommended and represent just a few of the variety served up at Taste off of their relatively small but unique and creative menu.

Sporting a varied list of wines and an extensive cocktail menu, Taste attracts lots of costumers who come in for appetizers and drinks, which is when their delicious Magic Hat Beer Battered Onion Rings (\$7) are a real hit.

After starting off with warm bread and herb butter, the meal was enjoyable and creative. The intersection between upscale dining and a truly down-home feel created a great atmosphere to enjoy a good meal.

The food overall is creative and inventive yet not too dainty or delicate and with the use of mainly local ingredients, Taste is the perfect example of Burlington-chic.

# Girls take to the streets

Female students take part in a popular trend

By JULIA HOWE

Cynic Correspondent

As Mother Nature changes, the scene on campus morphs along with it. An array of flip-flops, t-shirts, shorts and skirts replace the monochrome scene of dark, heavy winter coats.

However, general attire is not the only thing that has shifted.

Beside many of those students now sunbathing on the library steps, a certain accessory is around that serves to unofficially declare spring. Boarders, and more specifically, female boarders.

Perhaps more than any other year, the gals of UVM have keyed into the joy of longboarding.

Quick lesson. Skate-



(Photo by Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic, Illustration by Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Females are just as likely to be spotted skating across campus on longboards.

boards are the conventional, old school, short boards.

Most people with skateboards think of the whole transportation element of the sport as an added benefit. A real skateboarder spends their time perfecting their ollie and doing pseudo-acrobatics on the nearest rail. Think Tony Hawk.

Longboards, on the other hand, are used either for downhill racing or transportation.

These boards are basically skateboards, but longer and generally wider. Their added weight and bulkiness makes them less suitable for many

skateboarding tricks, but contributes to a smooth motion by providing more momentum.

These are the boards that countless chicks have grown

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to love. Lori Gambardella, a UVM sophomore, took in some sun as she chowed

# Get yourself a job

What to do, what not to do, and how to impress your future employers when looking for a job

By HAYLLEY JOHNSON

Cynic Correspondent

Drafting a resumé is one of this first steps a student should take to "optimize the UVM experience," according to a Career Services pamphlet.

For a student preparing a resume for the first time, going to the Career Services website, [www.uvm.edu/~career/](http://www.uvm.edu/~career/), is the best way to begin, said Sydnee Viray, a Career Services Representative.

On the Web site, there is a "job-search tool kit," said Viray, which allows students to receive resumé guidance via the internet. This tool kit may be found under the "Students" heading on the Career Services homepage.

Yet the job-search tool kit mentions two different kinds of resumes: the functional and the chronological. It also provides the positive and negative attributes of each style of resumé.

A functional resume "present[s] information under headings" and "abilities and experiences are grouped according to job-related functions," the job-search tool kit stated.

On the other hand, the job-search tool kit explained that a chronological resume "list[s] jobs and experiences in reverse chronological order with most recent work first."

Professor Lisa Schnell, the Director of Undergraduate Advising, thought that the most convincing resume structure was the functional resumé.

"The functional resume will make the relevant information obvious," and "the things I need to know will be seen right away," Professor Schnell said.

Yet, Dean of the UVM College of Engineering, Domenico Grasso, said that he would look for a "hybrid of the functional and chronological."

He would choose the usual functional setup, while making sure that the bullet points were in chronological order, if applicable. Dean Grasso said he would make sure that he had "chronological work experience" as well.

If a student "doesn't have a lot of experience, they should do a functional resumé," said Viray.

When asked about the most frequent mistake students make while writing their resumé, Professor Schnell said one common "mistake is when students feel like they need to put everything on [the resumé], making it look messy."

In a similar line of thought, she emphasized the importance of the font, spacing, quality of the paper, and the need for the resumé to be "visually striking."

Some aspects of a resumé may be too extreme and portray a negative image of the student, Professor Schnell said, "Some fonts and card stock take it too far."

Dean Grasso said to "keep the whole concept simple but informative." Simplicity and clarity are two very important qualities a resumé must have, according to both Professor Schnell and Dean Grasso.

Both also came to similar conclusions about grammatical errors on a resume.

"One grammatical error and I will chuck it," said Professor Schnell concerning her own reviews of resumes. "I don't want that person working for me," she said, as it "reflects their attitude on the job."

For Dean Grasso, grammatical errors are "something that can be avoided and should never happen" on a resume.

These grammatical errors do not reflect the strengths of the student, as seen by Professor Schnell's and Dean Grasso's assessments, and advertising one's strengths is key to resumé writing, according to a Career Services resume-preparation booklet.

The resumé booklet also emphasizes the need to "know your audience" and to "include experiences that are relevant to the work you are seeking."

"The best resumés are the ones that are tailored to specific jobs," said Dean Grasso, and if students "graduated with honors, they should not be shy."

Reflecting oneself in the best possible light is the goal of one's resumé.

A resume should show a student's "eagerness" and "potential," said Dean Grasso, while Professor Schnell said it should also reflect "competency, clarity, responsibility, and intelligence."

down on a New World tortilla and propped her elbows up on the longboard behind her.

"I board because it's fun," Gambardella said, "campus is a good place to ride around and I feel like it's very accepted."

When asked what she thought about the new wave of women asserting their skills on wheels, she shrugged nonchalantly.

"I think that girls just want to try it out," Gambardella said, "it's no longer seen as 'a guy thing' and we have picked up on the fact that it's fun, easy and quick."

You hear that, girls? Just like boarding on the snowy mountains, boarding on pavement has shifted from pre-

dominately masculine to gender neutral.

For the gals who haven't quite caught on yet, UVM student Jessica Vincent has some advice: "Try it before you knock it."

And for all of you walkers, the boarders claim that there is no need to briskly shuffle to the side of the path when you hear those wheels coming.

Garden said he always warns walkers in advance when he is approaching and that they have nothing to fear. Gambardella shares his sentiments.

"We know what we're doing," Gambardella said, "We are definitely in control of our boards."

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## President's Wing occupied by protestors

**Students advocating UVM divestment from war profiteers caught President Fogel's attention Friday, as they made their way into the wing despite attempts by staff to stop them and staged a sit-in just outside his office**

By PAT LACLAIR

Assistant News Editor

Approximately 25 protestors worked their way past locked doors into the President's Wings of the Waterman building on Friday.

Members of Students Against War (S.A.W.), who are protesting for University divestment from war profiteers, staged a brief rally in front of the Royal Tyler Theater just past 1 p.m. Friday afternoon. They then moved into the Waterman building to stage a sit-in.

As a result, UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel promised to meet with leaders of S.A.W. next week.

Secretary Darlene Nelligan bolt-locked the double glass doors, which led to the President's Wing before the students were able to gain access, so they began their sit-in in the hallway just outside.

In 2006, Nelligan received a Certificate of Recognition from UVM Police Services for similar action preventing demonstrators from gaining entrance to the President's Wing.

"When faced with an early morning occupation of the wing by student protestors, she simply closed the door and locked the dead bolt. Problem solved," according to the Police Services' Web site.

While the protestors had been repeatedly told before that Fogel was out at a meeting, one member of the group reported seeing him inside the wing just minutes before.

An unidentified member of S.A.W., speaking through a megaphone, told those within the wing "we know you're

in there, Fogel, and we know you're lying."

The words prompted Nelligan to unlock the doors and open them briefly to tell the students they were acting disrespectfully, and said, "Don't be rude."

The group seized the opportunity to gain access to the wing.

When Nelligan opened the unlocked doors, an unidentified male student moved quickly toward her in what appeared to be an attempt to move by her into the wing.

Nelligan pushed him back and tried to close the door, but the student used his body to keep it open.

He repeatedly claimed that she had attacked him unprovoked, saying, "You assaulted me, you assaulted me."

**"I promised to meet with them next week, I promised to support their groups."**

*-UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel, in response to the demands of protesters.*

Nelligan apologized but maintained that he had attempted to gain access to the wing and she had simply tried to stop him, adding that Fogel was unavailable to speak with the students.

As Nelligan was speaking, five protestors slipped behind her into the wing. When she became aware of the five, she moved out of the doorway and followed them down the hallway, at which point many of the protestors rose and walked through the open door. In all, about 25 students entered.

As the students began to settle in, the inhabitants of the offices along the hall began to close their doors. The student wielding the megaphone projected through one office door, ask-



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

A UVM police officer looks on as President Fogel speaks with members of Students Against War on Friday. The students worked their way into the wing despite attempts by staff to stop them.

PROTEST-A2

## Frank elected SGA Speaker

By MEGAN BRANCACCIO

Assistant News Editor

A fresh, feminine face has assumed the role of Speaker of the House on the SGA Senate.

Junior Mandy Frank of the Committee on Legislative Action (COLA) was elected Speaker of the Student Government Association (SGA) last Tuesday night.

President James "Jay" Taylor nominated senators Mandy Frank, Ryan Krodell and current Speaker Michael Glynn.

However, Taylor and vice president Josh Miller did not choose to endorse

SPEAKER-A2

## Bed bugs cause relocation of L/L residents

By PAT LACLAIR

Assistant News Editor

Students in a suite of Living/Learning's B-building were displaced last week after it was discovered that one of the inhabitants had been bitten by a bed bug, UVM's Director of Communications Enrique Corredera said.

On Thursday, April 17, it was confirmed that the bites on the leg of a female resident of one of the "German House" suites were from a bed bug, and all of the students living in the suite were moved to other housing by the next day.

The residents of L/L B-220 are permanently relocated to other areas in L/L for the rest of the semester as the suite goes through a three-week treatment process to eliminate any possibility of a bed bug infestation, Corredera

said.

The suites and offices adjacent to B-220 were treated last Monday and the residents were asked to leave the suite during the four-hour fumigation.

The rooms that the students are moving into have been pre-treated to prevent the possibility of any bed bugs being transmitted to the new spaces. Five of the six students are being moved into singles.

"There is no reason to believe this is an infestation, but we wanted to act quickly and thoroughly to prevent any others problems," Corredera said.

The residents in the suite were asked to wash all linens and clothes in hot water and the University accommodated students with extra laundry points if necessary.

UVM contracted L&R Pest Control to fumigate the suites. Nick Leggett, a freshman living in an adjacent suite,



(Courtesy of Preston City Council)

Graphic of a bed bug like the one found in B-building of L/L. Bed bugs live off of blood but are not known to spread disease.

said that the treatment process "was not too big of an inconvenience."

"They said that we could not be in our rooms between 10 and 2 and they sprayed our bedding," Leggett, who was not a resident of B-220, said.

"All of their belongings had to go into bags and they had to wash all of

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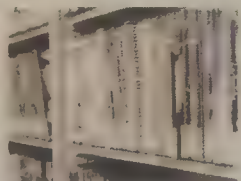
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an individual candidate, Taylor said.

"Jay and I are completely removed from the speaker debate," Miller said.

"The speaker is elected by Senate and works for Senate," Taylor said, "so it didn't make sense that we, as non-voting members of Senate, should have anything to do with the decision."

Before the election, former SGA president Kesha Ram said she felt that each of the candidates was qualified.

"Glynne has a year of experience and lessons learned," she said, "while Ryan is a really approachable and nice person and Mandy has already tried to serve in a moderating role for the past three years on Senate."

Frank, Krodel and Glynne were asked by Taylor to give a brief speech on why they felt that they would best fill the role of speaker.

Krodel spoke first and said that he would do work for the entire Senate.

He also said that because he took his committee, Public Relations, from two to six members and helped it to blossom into a more efficient body that he was capable of serving as the speaker.

Glynne spoke next and said that the role of speaker is a very difficult job and keeping order in Senate is a necessary task.

"I have used the gavel a lot this year because I am a person willing to stand up to people talking and people out of order," he said.

Finally, Frank gave her reasons for running.

She said that because she had been on Senate for two years and served as the minute-taker for one that she was ready for a position on the executive board.

Frank also mentioned her "extraordinary time managing skills" and ability to "keep a good balance" and be "very fair."

"I feel it is my calling at this point in my senatorial career," she said. "I think I'm going to do a really good job if I'm elected."

After the speeches were given, members of Senate were then permitted to ask questions pertaining to all three nominees.

Senator Emma Kennedy, chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) asked the candidates about the sacrifices and benefits they would experience as a result of giving up their voices on Senate.

Frank answered first and said that she considered herself a loud voice on Senate, but looked forward to giving other voices the opportunity to stand out.

"I find myself not wanting to listen sometimes on Senate," she said, "but a benefit I foresee is listening more adamantly, [along with] giving everyone a fair chance."

When there were no more questions, the Senate automatically went into executive session to debate and vote on a speaker.

"We had a bunch of debate, voted which candidate to eliminate and debated more," Taylor said.

An election was held between the two remaining candidates, but no clear winner was chosen, Taylor said, because one must receive at least 2/3 of the votes.

After more debating, another election was held using secret ballots in order to protect senators from going against friends and choosing who they felt was the best candidate, he said.

When the votes were counted and re-counted by Taylor and Miller, Frank had earned 22 out of 32, Taylor said.

The three candidates were asked to return to the meeting and Frank was then congratulated, he said.

Glynne gave Frank a hug before swearing her in as the new speaker; he then took his seat on Senate, Taylor said.

Former speaker Glynne was not upset about losing the election; he will serve on COLA for the 2008-2009 term, while Krodel will continue to serve as the chair for Public Relations.

"I'm happy for her," Glynne said, "It's an honor to be elected speaker and I think she'll do a good job."

President Taylor, vice president Miller and other members of Senate agree that Frank will do well in the role of speaker.

"[Frank] will do great things," Miller said. "She has great knowledge of debate and she will be an excellent mediator. President Taylor and I are really looking forward to working with her."

"I think Mandy is going to be a great speaker," Senator Tyler Van Backer of COLA said. "It's comforting to know the Senate is in good hands."

Frank also said that her victory felt like a good fit.

"I was up against great candidates," she said. "I was nervous."

"[But] you know when you feel something is right...that's how this feels."

## PROTEST

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ing, "Why did you shut your door? We are non-violent student protestors, we will not hurt you."

The sit-in inside the President's Wing began just before 2:00 p.m. Police Services came shortly after and stood at the main doors, preventing any additional access.

President Fogel entered the hall after Police Services had arrived and spoke with the students for about 10 minutes.

"I promised to meet with them next week," said Fogel afterward, "I promised to support their groups." He then left the building, adding, "Enjoy the weekend."

Fogel made no comment regarding the nature of the students' occupation.

"It is good that they got in there, but it was terrible to watch," said Meg Tiley, a UVM sophomore and member of the activist group Student Labor Action Project (S.L.A.P.), regarding the scuffle between Nelligan and the unidentified student.

The protestors left the wing shortly after Fogel spoke with them, giving themselves a round of applause. "They were claiming that Fogel was not even in there," said S.A.W. member Bill Ottman, a UVM senior, "but somebody looked in and saw him."

Ottman regarded the sit-in as a success, saying that the promise of meetings is a big step towards divestment.

"John Snow [the Chair of the Board of Trustees' Committee on Socially Responsible Investing] said we'd have to wait six months to bring our case to them," he said.

Fogel promised to meet with the students this Wednesday.



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

A UVM police officer guards the doors into the President's Wing as student protesters stage a sit-in behind him after gaining access to the wing.



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

Secretary Darlene Nelligan speaks with an unidentified student who attempted to enter the President's Wing during a sit-in by Students Against War (S.A.W.) on Friday. The students were locked out of the wing until Nelligan opened the doors to notify the protestors that President Fogel was not available. Several S.A.W. members snuck in behind Nelligan as she was confronted by the unidentified student.

## BED BUGS

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their clothes," Leggett said of his neighbors. "Our Resident Director sent out an e-mail telling us what was going on," he added.

L&R Pest Control suggested that the bugs were most likely brought in from the outside, possibly in a piece of luggage, according to Corredera. Bed bugs often are transmitted from infested hotel or motel rooms in people's luggage.

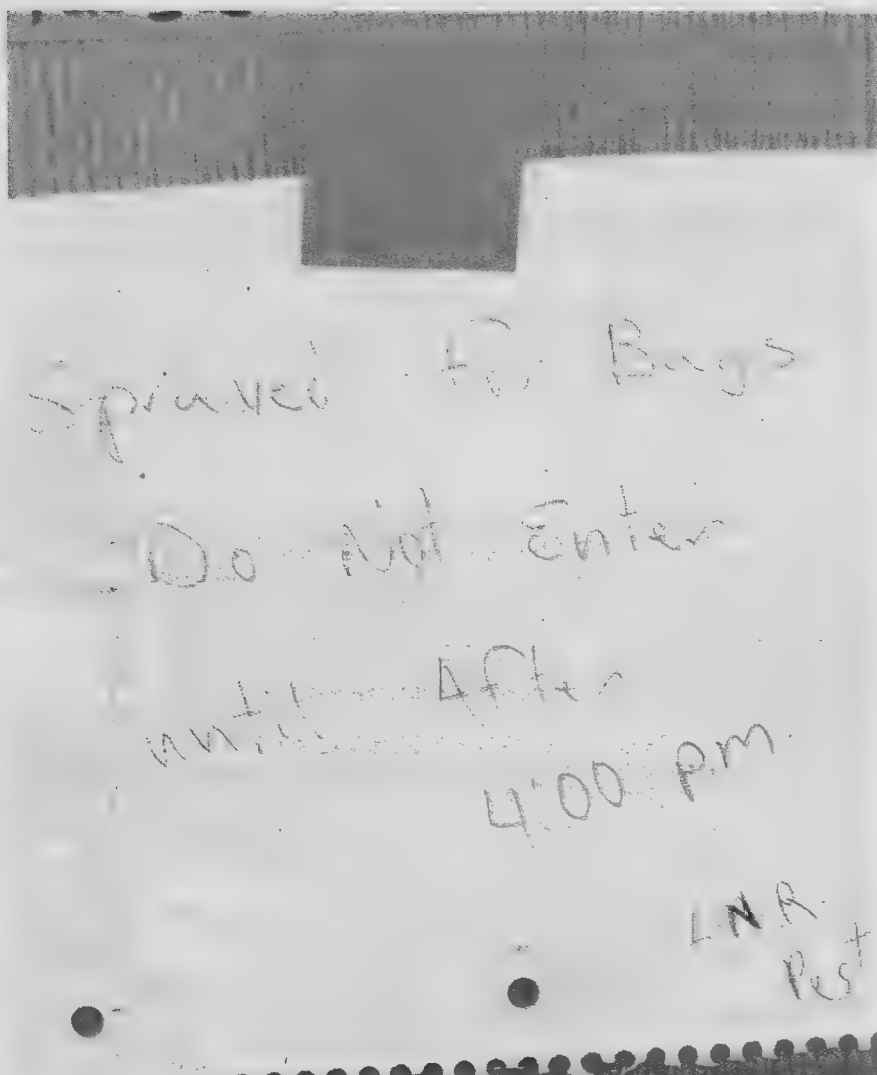
Bed bugs are nocturnal insects that live by feeding off of the blood of humans and other warm-blooded animals. Bed bugs leave small and extremely itchy white welts where they have bitten and bites usually occur along blood vessels.

While bed bugs are parasitic, much like fleas and mosquitoes, there are few recorded cases of disease transmission through bed bug bites, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Corredera mentioned just one case of a student being bitten. "We have not received any reports from any other students anywhere on campus," he said.

However, Leggett said that there were "a few cases at least, I think."

"All the residents have been very understanding and very cooperative," Corredera said.



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

A sign posted by L&R Pest Control on the door of L/L suite B-220 alerting students to the fumigation in process and instructing them not to enter the suite until after 4 p.m. All of the residents in the suite were relocated after one student was bitten by a bed bug.



## Ben Stein promotes new film at UVM

Conservative writer, actor, comedian and documentarian speaks at Ira Allen Chapel

By MARK HARTNETT

Cynic Correspondent

Ben Stein, popular writer and commentator spoke at Ira Allen Chapel on Friday.

Stein delivered a lecture on a variety of topics ranging from the state of the economy to Barack Obama's presidential campaign to the legitimacy of intelligent design.

Following a lengthy introduction from UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel, Stein warmed up the crowd with a few jokes and stories from his undergraduate studies at Columbia University in the 60s.

Stein transitioned into more serious matters by saying, "I could go on for days about sex and drugs, but onto the economy."

Stein scolded what he called "the greedy pigs on Wall Street" for the way that the economy has been performing, attributing the collapse of Bear Stearns to investors spreading lies of the investment bank in order to drive down credit.

Stein also blamed the government for failing to properly manage hedge funds and ethanol prices.

He also predicted that we are in the midst of a "slight recession that most likely started last month" but did not think that the country was heading towards a depression.

As for the ongoing election, Stein, a Republican, remarked on Barack Obama's presidential campaign as a "breakthrough in human rights" but failed to endorse him.

"It is a great achievement that this country has a black man and a woman running for presi-

dent," Stein said, "I just think it should be Colin Powell and Condi Rice."

Stein has recently drawn fire for "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," his documentary on the failure of the theory of intelligent design to be accepted by the scientific community.

Pamphlets that scolded the filmmakers for blaming Darwin for the Holocaust were given out to the audience.

The topic was largely not addressed in his main lecture, but was contentiously raised several times during the question-and-answer segment of the talk.

When asked how he could say "with a straight face" that intelligent design is a legitimate scientific theory, Stein responded that Darwinism could not account for large-scale evolution, only microevolution.

Stein finished his talk touching on the importance of community and education. He said that the only way to turn the economy around is "not about taxing millionaires, but keeping families together."

Stein criticized educational systems, but put the blame largely on students for not having the kind of "mental discipline" necessary to perform well on testing.

He also joked about the lack of educational standards, "What do

you get after driving around the UCLA campus in a red BMW for four years?" Stein said, "a degree."

Students left the talk with mixed views.

Sophomore Alana Oudekerk said she was impressed by his knowledge but did not agree with his views on intelligent design.

"He was really funny, but I do not like how he is trying to shove intelligent design down our throats," she said.



(Courtesy of Washington and Lee University)  
Ben Stein, popular conservative writer and commentator, spoke at Ira Allen Chapel Friday. He talked about issues ranging from sex and drugs to the economy and education.

## NEWS SUMMARY

### INTERNATIONAL

#### CHINA

##### China agrees to meet with Tibetan envoys

Under international pressure to improve its image before this summer's Olympic Games in Beijing, China agreed to meet with envoys from Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama last week, but provided few substantive details on what kind of talks would take place.

The situation between China and Tibet has been particularly tense since anti-Chinese riots in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa in March. Dissent within Tibet has grown in the subsequent weeks, as the Chinese government built up security forces.

The Chinese government has blamed the Dalai Lama for orchestrating the protests, but he denies any connection.

Pro-Tibetan protestors have plagued the route of the Olympic torch in cities across the world. The torch is scheduled to pass through Tibet on its way to Mount Everest next month.

China has been under pressure from President Bush and many European leaders to re-engage in talks with the Dalai Lama, who has been attempting to reestablish the dialogue for several months.

#### MIDDLE EAST

##### White House disapproves of Carter's Mid-East trip

Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State for the Bush administration, said last Tuesday that former President Jimmy Carter's trip to the Middle East was unhelpful and that she had advocated against it.

Carter's trip to the Middle East two weeks ago included high-level meetings with leaders of the Palestinian group Hamas in Egypt, Syria and the West Bank. The United States government classified Hamas as a terrorist organization.

"We counseled President Carter against going to the region and particularly against having contacts with Hamas," Rice stated on her own tour of the Middle East.

Carter has long been a vocal critic of the Bush administration's Middle East policy.

Carter said that his envoy had made significant headway in the negotiations with Hamas.

He said that leaders had conceded to establish a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, so long as their decision was approved through a vote by Palestinians.

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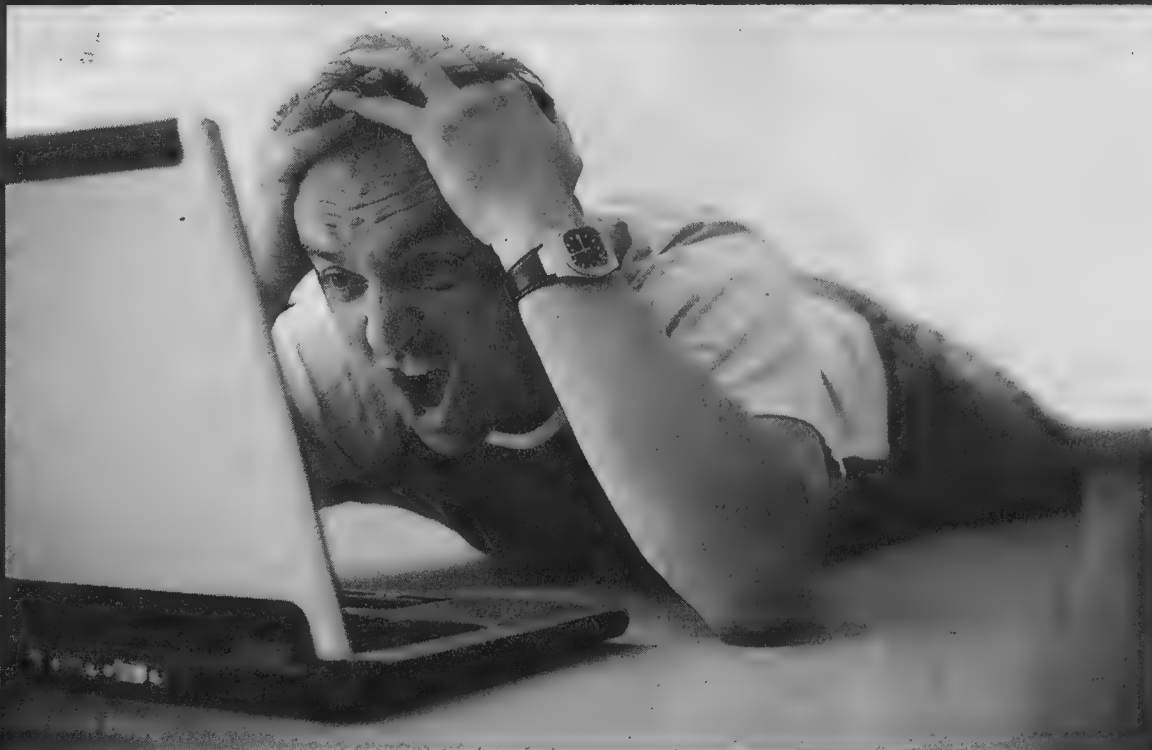
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## NATIONAL

## NATION

**High heating costs leave Americans needing aid**

As a result of elevated heating costs through the winter, millions of Americans are behind on electric and gas bills and a record number of families could have their energy completely shut-off over the next few months.

In the Northeast, namely New Hampshire, applicants for fuel subsidies have received grants that only cover 35 percent of this winter's heating costs, while in the past, they covered 60 percent. The state will have given nearly 34,500 people aid by the end of this month. The number of shut-offs in Rhode Island is expected to exceed a record of 30,000, which was set last year. At least 5.8 million households will have received grants from the federal aid program by the end of this fiscal year; this is the highest number in 16 years.

Those who owe large sums of money to oil vendors will not be able to get deliveries in the fall and some who have experienced shut-offs will lose electric and gas services.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**High schooler arrested for massive suicide attempt**

Ryan Schallenberger, 18, of Ruby, S.C. was arrested April 19 on charges of communicating bomb threats after authorities found a tape explaining his motives to blow up his high school.

His parents found a journal that Schallenberger had kept for over a year with detailed plans, including a map of the school and a list of supplies to make bombs for a suicide attack. They also discovered that he had ordered 10 pounds of ammonium nitrate, an explosive white powdered fertilizer.

Jay E. Hodge, the prosecutor of the case, said he intended to charge Schallenberger with possession of incendiary materials, a felony and other charges that may unravel as the investigation continues.

Schallenberger's high school, Chesterfield High, was inspected by authorities over the weekend; nothing was found, but only one-fifth of the 544 students who attend actually came in to school on Monday. On April 21, Schallenberger appeared in court so that a judge could appoint him a lawyer.

All information collected from The New York Times and the Burlington Free Press

## UVM activists "box up" Tent City

By PAT LACLAIR

Assistant News Editor

Despite being granted a permit for an additional three nights of camping, Tent City has been temporarily disbanded by student activists who say their message was being muddled.

Many of the materials which were used to construct the main tent in front of the Royall Tyler Theater were symbolically boxed-up and signs were made explaining the new direction to passers-by, last Monday.

The activist groups which were in charge of Tent City felt that a new University policy restricting their ability to camp overnight was hindering their ability to effectively spread their messages.

Since it was first erected over three weeks ago, Tent City has been under the jurisdiction of the Student Labor Action Project (S.L.A.P.), Students Against War (S.A.W.) and, most recently, Students For Global Peace and Justice (S.F.G.P.J.).

"We do have permission to be camping, but we chose to turn it [Tent City] into a symbolic structure. There will be no camping," Lindsey Gilles, a UVM sophomore and



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

The boxed-up remains of Tent City were placed in front of the Royall Tyler Theater last Monday. Student activists of the Student Labor Action Project (S.L.A.P.), Students Against War (S.A.W.) and Students for Global Peace and Justice (S.F.G.P.J.) hope to send a message regarding rights of free speech.

a member of S.L.A.P., said.

Gilles said that because of the difficulties which Tent City organizers have had with the new temporary structures policy, it seemed more important to "focus on free speech and the policy issue."

Despite claims of free speech infringement, President Daniel Mark Fogel, in a letter to S.L.A.P., maintained that the policy was meant to address safety issues and a Burlington City ordinance which limits the time tempo-

rary structures can be inhabited in the city.

The groups hope that the shift from messages about livable wages and divestment toward a more unified focus on the new policy and possible free speech infringements will have a greater effect on the administration.

"If we were allowed to camp there and had the ability to use the space as we wanted to, then there might be more pressure," Gilles said.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Our troublesome inheritance

Food prices around the world are on the rise. Riots have broken out in Egypt and Afghanistan because of flour prices that have doubled.

California, in some places, is short on rice, and Japan is suffering from major shortages of butter.

The dollar is hitting record lows against all manner of currencies and other measures and the price of oil is skyrocketing.

Congress seems broken, twisted and ineffective — laws are intruding more and more into our personal lives, poisoning our liberties and allowing the wealthy to make off like thieves.

The globe is warming.

Terrorism is supposedly on the rise.

Whether we are freshmen or seniors, this is the world we live in and that we will soon run.

We have had to sit and watch, for our whole lives, as the baby boomers who once brought about the social revolutions of the '60s have turned their backs on that revolutionary mindset of their youth and allowed all of these terrors to happen.

Soon it will be our hands that will become calloused and roughened, while we pick up the debris.

But we do not have to think of this as a terrible thing.

This point in history — this nexus, this swirling vortex of coming change — that, for all they say about it, the Barack Obamas and Hillary Clintons of the world are powerless to do anything about, uniquely empowers us to shape the future. It gives us experience that bridges the chasm that has split generations.

We are living through revolutions in technology that have resurfaced and remolded the world. We have witnessed the rise of the internet, the popularization of cell phones and the transformation of computers from a tool for business into a permanent and essential part of all of our everyday lives.

We have grown up with these new technologies, but that's not to say that they were always there when we were, rather that we, the technology and ourselves, have grown in tandem.

In our infancy, so too were cellphones. In our awkward teenage years of growth spurts and growing pains, the internet was rapidly expanding and experimenting with new ways of exploiting the technology. And now, as we find ourselves maturing as adults, these things, which were once jostling and uncertain things, are settling into place.

In the span of the two some-odd decades of our lives, we have experienced America in its prime — an unassailable lion astride the world — and now, teetering on the edge of collapse. We are feeling the rumblings of mountains of power around the world shifting place.

We know a glimpse of life before all this and, yet, are more empowered to wade into these new waters than any generation before us, because we know them so well.

And now we must wrestle the wheel from the men and women who have steered us here. Our generation — a world-wide coalition of today's youth — must guide this planet into better waters.

We must think of this as we trickle, slowly but surely, into the world. And we must remember the lessons of the current and coming crises as we age.

We must ban the forces of radical dogmatism. We must break free from and shake off the hardened-mud coating of foolishness that encumbers this world.

Let us come together.

Let us steal from the rich and give to the poor.

Let us embrace the coming turbulence and cast off the peace and tranquility that allows us to experience only "mere life."

It is our world to work with. Let's be proud of what we do with it.



## COLUMNIST

JEREMY SPIRO-WINN



## Returning to rocket science

What happened to the days of looking toward the heavens and dreaming that we may one day live there?

What happened to the drive that our country once shared to unlock the myriad secrets of the universe?

Though we incur steadily increasing debt, efforts toward these things are becoming less and less.

The talk of still-admired forbearers, "We choose to go to the moon, not because it is easy, but because it is hard," seems to have been abandoned.

While the space program once seemed like something that would continue long after the generations that started it had passed, the dream seems to be no longer there.

The moon bases, space stations and flying cars that were supposed to by now be commonplace remain as distant as ever.

And our ambitions for such things have been replaced by a mindless thing called "pragmatism."

The idea that human ingenuity should be concentrated and directed towards something both literally and figuratively bigger than ourselves has been strangled by concerns of money, and questions of the rote utility that can be gained from things as "silly" as space travel.

But these concerns are false. Have we forgotten the advances in computing,

materials sciences and other things produced from countless missions into the unknown?

This does not strike at the heart of the larger, more important issue however.

In our dwindling support of the sciences, we have begun leaving behind some of the most human of endeavors that a government can undertake.

In using the tools of government to explore and discover more about our world and worlds beyond, we extend the curiosity that sets our species apart from other species into a collective act that is greater than the sum of its parts. We leave behind a little of what makes humanity so beautiful.

We alone exist for purposes other than existence. We live to explore and to create, to invent and expand the arts and the sciences. Without these drives, we are little more than mouths that swallow and hearts that ceaselessly and pointlessly drone on.

Yes, science is an expensive and uncertain thing, but it is worth every penny. It is essential to validate and make important our place on this earth.

When we *do* science, we do great things. We transcend the bonds of our world.

We draw ourselves closer to the kind of understanding and power once reserved only for the gods.

But that kind of wonderment and ambition has been shunned in general in this world.

Is it not a worse decision to commit our resources to war?

Can we not, out of the trillions spent every year on the mundane aspects of running a country, carve out a more substantial slice towards pushing forward the whole of human race by expanding its knowledge?

It is time that we decide we can.

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## Jumping the cliff

The first time I went cliff jumping was an absolutely horrendous experience.

We're talking a textbook belly flop. The wedgie that killed all chances of procreating.

Brain damage resulting from the amount of water rushing at about a million miles/hour up my nostrils.

The guys I'd gone with, all pretty much certified cliff jumpers, hooted and hollered at my lack of form and general patheticism as an extreme person.

But after that detrimental experience, I knew I was addicted.

Short of going off the deep end, a lot of things about growing up are like jumping off a cliff. You force yourself to do it, regardless of how scared you are of heights. Even though you know the water's deep enough, there's still that huge element of the unknown between having your feet firmly planted on the rock and when you're crashing into the lake.

It's funny because just like in life, regardless of how smart or impulsive or experienced you are, you still pause at the top. Everyone hesitates to decide and think. Some people don't make it past this phase — they scare themselves out of jumping, out of living. The unknown is just too scary, the rock's just too high, and the water might hurt just too much.

And just like in life, there are ways of safeguarding yourself, of protecting life and limb against the water-turned-concrete that you'll inevitably hit the wrong way. You might plug

your nose. Hopefully you're wearing at least one layer of clothing. If you're a real princess, you might decide to wear Chocos.

When it comes down to it, though, both are learning experiences. You learn that the water's deep enough. You learn to jump out far enough to avoid scraping yourself. You learn that no matter what your scared brain tells you, that you're going to be just fine.

You learn that pain itself is mostly momentary, that you'll be smiling and yelling for no particular reason other than you're happy only a few seconds after contact. You learn that even though your thighs might sting for the rest of the day, a little redness is a small price to pay for that feeling in between rock and water.

You learn that an entire six inches of fabric, unbeknownst to you, really can find its way up...

But most of all, you learn that when you're plummeting towards the lake at 9.8 meters per second squared, you are really alive. With one arm flailing and maybe the other plugging your nose, everything's clear. It's just too bad that by the time you realize it, you're 12 feet underwater.

That sounds like life, too.

Maybe cliff jumping doesn't mean this much to other people, maybe it's just a fun activity to do on Saturday afternoons and a good excuse to check out the opposite sex in their swimwear.

Or maybe cliff jumping — the pause at the top, the plunge down, the contact with the lake, the scampering up the rocks to do it again — just really is life in fast forward.

So take the good with the bad, take the pause at the top with the smile from the bottom and take the two second moment of clarity with the wedgie.

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MICHAEL FARLEY II



## Peace-Love-Dove

The sun will always rise. And it will always set.

Scraped knees will heal. And so will broken hearts.

Some of the most important things I've learned throughout my twenty-two years on this planet, I have learned outside of the classroom. Notwithstanding the importance of formal education, but, honestly, the best lessons in life are the ones learned outside of that four-walled box called a classroom.

I've learned the best things in life are free, you get what you give and someone else's lunch always tastes better than your own. Are these traits that can be tested, judged on a scale, statistically drawn up and compared against your peer's on a bell curve?

Yes, if that test is life.

Sadly, however, not all of us will make the grade. As my wise, yet unschooled uncle taught me during a week long, cross-country road trip, "It's just not in the cards."

There we were, stuck in Colorado, with a flat tire as night began to fall on us, as well as a heavy snow. And as I stood there, vehemently spreading

**So as the sun sets on this year and our scraped knees heal, I wish you all luck and I hope we all make the grade someday. And remember, some of the most important things you learn may be in a classroom, but the best things in life are free and those lessons are the ones that count.**

vulgarity into the night, he told me it just wasn't in the cards for us to reach Utah by night's end.

Those words never meant so much to me as they did that night, with the exception of my thoughts on my fellow students.

Will you make it? Will I? Will any of us? Or will global warming and global war be the end of us long before we have to worry about mortgages and IRA's?

It's a big, scary world out there, and here we are snug as a bug in a rug at UVM, some of us without a care in the world. Others preparing for the world beyond the safety zone they have melded into for the past four years, readying themselves for

the unknown; for careers; for trials and tribulations; for life.

I leave you with a parting phrase, friends, one that I also learned on that road trip. In the words of my uncle, "Peace-Love-Dove."

I never found out the true meaning of that phrase on that trip, but I'm sure it has something to do with everlasting

peace and love, and I'm sure I will never ever learn the true meaning of it in a classroom.

So as the sun sets on this year and our scraped knees heal, I wish you all lucky, and I hope we all make the grade someday. And remember, some of the most important things you learn may be in a classroom, but the best things in life are free and those lessons are the ones that count.

Peace-Love-Dove.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Time to raise our voices on Tibet

This letter is in response to the horrific human rights violations currently occurring in Tibet.

While there are many, I'd like to focus on the relaunch of China's "Patriotic Education Campaign" and a corresponding event that occurred April 3 of 2008.

According to the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD), a local Tibetan newspaper, Tibet Daily, reported on April 18 that Chinese authorities have launched a renewed "Patriotic Education Campaign," in the Tibet Autonomous Region also known as "TAR," and surrounding provinces.

Essentially, this campaign is concentrated on what Chinese officials consider politically dissenting monastic institutions; these sacred institutions are turned into "education centers," where people are indoctrinated with anti-separatist propaganda from the Chinese government.

On April 3, 14 Tibetans were shot and killed while peacefully protesting the arrest of two monks who were arrested for peacefully protesting the Chinese officials' presence in the Tongkor Monastery in the Kardze County of Tibet under the auspices of the "Patriotic Education Campaign."

Sadly, the bodies of the monks that were killed have not been returned to their families. While this is just one specific example of the horror that's going on there, events such as this one have been occurring on more

than a weekly basis.

On March 17, TCHRD reported that 40 middle school students had been severely beaten and arrested at their school following a 'spontaneous protest' for the return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet. The conditions of these children and their identities has remained unknown.

**YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!** August 8, 2008 is the International Day of Action: One World, One Dream, Free Tibet! Many of us are going to be in different areas in the United States after the next couple of weeks.

To get involved with non-violent protesting, please visit [studentsforafreetibet.org](http://studentsforafreetibet.org) to contact an SFT coordinator in your area.

I spoke with Kalaya'an Mendoza, the coordinator at SFT's international coordinating office in New York Friday April 25. He is very warm and friendly and would appreciate any of our involvement. His direct office number is: (212) 358-0071. If this touches your heart as much as it has mine, please get involved.

One World, One Dream, Free Tibet!

Respectfully,  
Kathryn Moriarty  
Class of 2008

### Trouble on the road for cyclists

Bicycle and pedestrian interests in Vermont are, once again, about to be shortchanged unless Vermonters speak up. The proposed state Transportation

budget bill includes language that will suspend Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant monies for bike/ped projects for one year.

If the Enhancement program is closed to new projects, communities across Vermont that have projects in the works will be left without funding options that, historically, have been there.

The news of the Enhancement program suspension comes just as the bike/ped community is speaking out about concerns that the state hasn't accepted any new projects into the state Bicycle and Pedestrian Program since 2004.

First, the state-initiated program is frozen and now the very popular Enhancement program is about to be frozen, too.

If you care about the quality of bicycling, running or walking in Vermont, please call your representatives and urge them not to suspend the Enhancement Grant program. If you're not certain who your representatives are, you can quickly find out by visiting [www.leg.state.vt.us/legdir/legdir2.htm](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/legdir/legdir2.htm) or by calling the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms (1-800-322-5616).

Thank you for doing what you can to speak up for all bicyclists and pedestrians in Vermont.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Schulz  
Executive Director  
Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalitions

### Go Kesha!

While I respect first-year

Benjamin Dube's opinion regarding the election this fall, I think he is missing some key issues that clearly make Kesha a better candidate from our point of view as students.

We, the UVM community, have shown time and again that we care about higher education funding, environmentalism and social justice.

Kesha, in her time as SGA president, has clearly demonstrated a passionate dedication to all of these. She incorporates diversity and equity into every aspect of her extensive work in the community, from her involvement with anti-poverty non-profits to her participation on the Mayor's Environmental Council.

I disagree with Dube that a "vote for change" means voting for representatives who came before the SGA Senate this past term and told us, when asked what they've achieved for UVM students, that the only real UVM-specific issues they had dealt with were walk-by student noise and voting on state appropriations for UVM.

Kesha, on the other hand, understands that higher education involves more than a budget. She has committed herself to empowering UVM students and translating their passion into meaningful change.

We live in a representative democracy and, as our constituency is comprised largely of a younger generation of Vermont voters, we deserve a voice in the Statehouse that will speak directly to our needs from personal experi-

ence.

As a diverse body of individuals, we deserve representatives who are willing and able to account for that diversity and to speak to our experiences now, not to the experiences of a student twenty years ago.

We need representatives who understand that we are the faces of Vermont's next generation.

Too many UVM graduates leave the state because there isn't enough affordable housing or entry-level jobs. They leave because Vermont is last in the union in higher education funding, and they can't afford to stay and pay off loans.

They leave because their status as full citizens has yet to lead to full representation and appreciation.

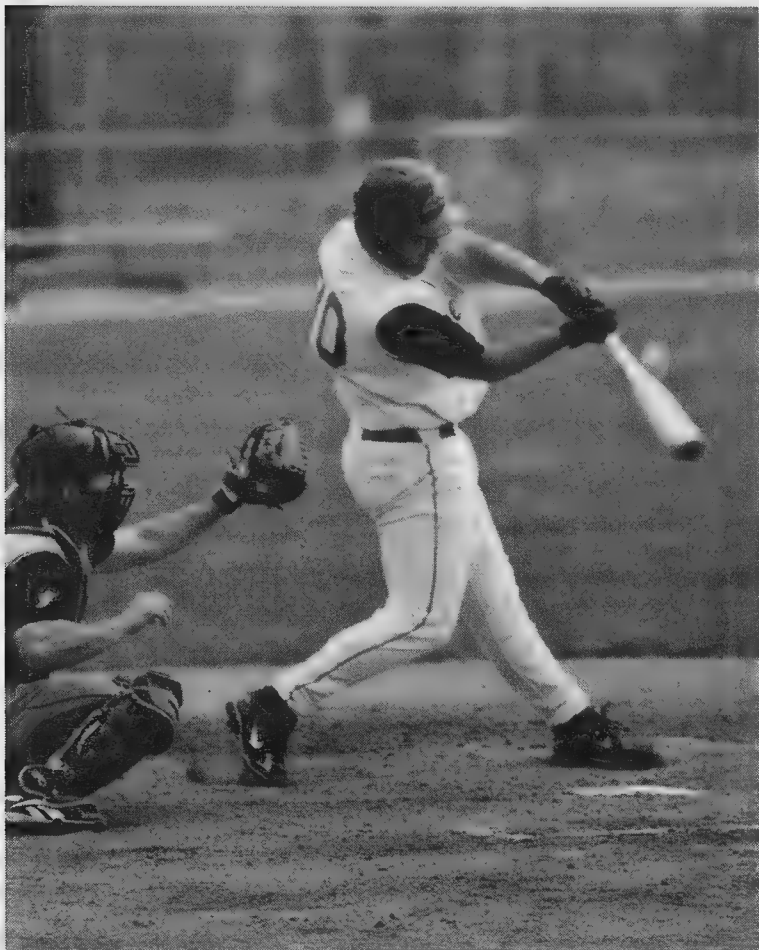
These are the issues that a representative of our district should be bringing to Montpelier. After all, doesn't it make sense that higher education would be the major focus of the representatives in the district that harbors Vermont's largest public institution?

Who better than Kesha Ram, who has already proven to me and to many other students that she appreciates our needs and our values and that she has the experience and ability to make sure Vermont's next generation matters to Vermont.

Respectfully,  
Emma Kennedy  
Class of 2009



# Baseball drops Quinnipiac in 12



(Andre Malerba/Vermont Cynic)

Junior Jeff Nolet (30) connects with a pitch against Quinnipiac last Wednesday. Nolet was 0-for-2 but scored a run in the Catamounts' 12-11 victory.

## UVM goes 12 innings on Wednesday before besting Bobcats, 12-11

By AUSTIN DANFORTH

Senior Staff Writer

It took long enough, but senior Kyle Massie's third hit of the game couldn't have come at a better time.

With no outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the 12th inning Massie rapped Quinnipiac reliever Eric Bretscher's 102nd pitch of the game into left field for a base hit, plating Todd Allen for the game-winning run and ending the Catamounts' second extra-inning game in as many days.

Bretscher (1-2), coming in during the seventh inning, was the fifth Bobcat pitcher to take the mound in the game, and picked up the loss. UVM's Ethan Paquette (1-0) — the Cats' sixth pitcher of the game — moved from first base to the pitchers' mound in the 11th and pitched the last two innings to pick up the win.

It was a game with offense aplenty, with 23 runs coming on 36 hits — 21 for Quinnipiac, 15 for UVM.

The Cats' hit deficit, though, was made up by Quinnipiac pitchers granting 13 walks to UVM batters. Bretscher conceded seven walks (five intentional passes) in his 4.2 innings of relief.

Vermont was led on offense by Massie (3-4, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI), senior Miguel Magrass (2-5, including a triple, 2 runs scored), Paquette (2-7, 2 RBI) and freshman Corey Moylan (2-4, 2 RBI).

Quinnipiac was led at the plate by John Delaney (6-7, HR, 3 RBI), Michael Marmo (4-7, HR, 2 RBI) and Blake Barone (3-4, 3 RBI).

With the win — UVM's second win against the Bobcats this year — the Catamounts move to 17-15 (4-4, America East) on the season. Quinnipiac

drops to 8-25 with the loss.

Vermont's next game at Centennial field is this Wednesday against Massachusetts at 5:30 p.m.



(Troy Johnson/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore cycling club member Vinny Scalla rides in a race at Mount Philo.

## UVM cycling club's triumph earns respect

By JASON BUSHEY

Sports Editor

After their overall victory at the Boston Beanpot Classic three weekends ago, the UVM cycling club is once again on track to become a nationally ranked team, junior club member Jeffrey Caisse said.

"[The cycling club] had been nationally ranked in previous years," Caisse said. "The team is progressing a lot and gaining more talented riders."

The club's success culminated at the Boston Beanpot Classic, where — according to the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference Web site — UVM placed first, beating the likes of Boston University, Tufts and a number of other Northeastern cycling teams.

"The Boston Beanpot was a really big race," Caisse said.

Caisse, who has been a member of the club since he was a freshman, said he has

seen the team's success building up a lot over the last few years, in part thanks to the hard work of members who have since graduated.

"[The cycling club's] success was set up by previous riders that graduated in 2006," Caisse said.

"Now, we have a lot of riders doing really well and working together to help each other out."

Caisse said most of the races are team races, making it necessary for riders to work together and in some cases to sacrifice their personal results in for that of the team's.

The team-first strategy has been paying off. Caisse said the team has placed in the top five in their conference at the two previous meets before their victory in Boston.

The club wrapped up the season at the conference championship in Dartmouth this weekend.

## This Week

Tuesday, April 29 - Monday, May 5

### TUESDAY, April 29

**Baseball**  
vs. UConn  
Storrs, Conn., 3 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, April 30

**Softball**  
vs. Dartmouth  
Archie Post Field, 3 p.m.

**Baseball**  
vs. UMass  
Centennial Field, 5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, May 2

**Baseball**  
vs. Binghamton  
Centennial Field, 3 p.m.

### SATURDAY, May 3

**Track and Field**  
America East Championships  
Orono, Maine, 10 a.m.

**Baseball**  
vs. Binghamton  
Centennial Field, 12 p.m.

**Softball**  
vs. Stony Brook  
Archie Post Field, 12 p.m.

### SUNDAY, May 4

**Track and Field**  
America East Championships  
Orono, Maine, 9 a.m.

**Softball**  
vs. Stony Brook  
Archie Post Field, 12 p.m.

**Baseball**  
vs. Binghamton  
Centennial Field, 1 p.m.

view from the common deck

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
By the Vermont Cynic sports staff

### Bad Week for Shaun Alexander

The 2005 NFL MVP is now unemployed for the 2008 season.

After being rewarded with a \$62 million contract following his MVP season in which he led the Seahawks to their only Super Bowl appearance, Alexander's performance has greatly fallen off.

At 30 years old, it remains to be seen whether any team is willing to take on the former face of a franchise.

### Good Week for John Smoltz

The veteran pitcher recorded career strikeout number 3,000 in a loss against the Nationals last week.

That number further raises Smoltz's Hall of Fame stock when he chooses to retire and, on top of that, he joined Bob Gibson and Walter Johnson as the only pitchers to achieve 3,000 strikeouts while staying with the same team throughout their careers.

### Good Week for the Madden Cover

It was revealed this week that recently retired quarterback Brett Favre will grace the cover of Madden 2009, the only NFL game on the market and perhaps the definitive sports video game.

In years past, there has been a stigma around the Madden cover as something of a curse — just ask former cover players Mike Vick or Shaun Alexander.

However, since Favre is retired and therefore ineligible for the on-field curse that the Madden cover supposedly brings, EA Sports may have finally exorcised their video game demons.

### Good Week for football players named 'Long'

A pair of Longs, offensive lineman Jake and defensive end Chris, were drafted first and second, respectively, in last weekend's NFL Draft.

Both the Dolphins and Rams made the first two picks on draft day a bit of a formality, with Miami signing Jake Long the Tuesday before the draft. News of the Rams signing Chris Long broke hours before St. Louis was officially put "on the clock."

No players with the last name Short were drafted.

### Good Week for the Dallas Cowboys

The Cowboys got everything they wanted this weekend by drafting running back Felix Jones and cornerback Mike Jenkins in the first round.

On top of that, America's team completed the long-rumored trade for Pacman Jones just before the draft, giving owner Jerry Jones depth at what were previously weak positions for his team.



(I-I-O)

Last week, Yankees president Hank Steinbrenner said you have to be an idiot not to start much-hyped set-up man Joba Chamberlain.

Should the Yankees move Joba into their depleted starting rotation?

**JB:** While I think Hank Steinbrenner is an idiot for calling out his newly appointed manager, Joe Girardi, as an idiot, I would agree that it is indeed idiotic not to start Joba.

Obviously the set-up man is important; having confidence in your team's bullpen is an increasing rarity in the league today.

However, the Yankees starting pitching this season has less depth than Paris Hilton. Mike Mussina was finished two years ago and pitching "phenoms" Phil Hughes and Ian Kennedy have both been inept this year.

Joba will start eventually anyways, why not make it now?

**AD:** No one should listen to Hank Steinbrenner. Ever.

What he might be: manipulative — well, maybe, seeing how he got his father to hand down the reins to the evil empire to him — but only maybe. What he really is, though: D-U-M-B.

He is not the manager and has zero managerial experience in a baseball clubhouse.

Hank should take a page from the Sox' playbook. Terry Francona didn't stick Hideki Okajima in the Sox rotation.

Result? Francona got to say, "World Series rings for all my friends!"

**THE SCORE**  
Who's the bigger idiot:  
Paris or Hank?  
JASON I  
AUSTIN O

# FACE OFF

JASON BUSHEY VS. AUSTIN DANFORTH

JUDGING BY ZACH PARKER



(3-I-I)

The two-month long journey that is the NBA playoffs began last weekend with a Spurs-Suns Instant Classic to start things off right.

Who do you see heading home with the NBA title?

**JB:** Call me a homer, but I like the Celtics to take this year's title in a classic matchup against the Lakers.

This year's Celtics team reminds me a lot of the Miami Heat in 2006: veteran players relocated to a new city (Garnett, Allen and Cassell), pairing up with a familiar superstar (Pierce) in hopes of winning that championship that has always alluded them.

I like the Boston Three Party to take down Hollywood in seven games.

Let's kick it old school.

**AD:** I don't care. That's it and that's all.

I'll go with the Celtics because they had the best season and the best team all year long. They are a club with star power, defense and depth — things no one else in the league has in greater quantities or has utilized more successfully.

But I really just don't care. My disgust with the NBA is more or less well-documented here and among friends. My current, timely grudge is the fact that these playoffs will go on for two months — making every series seven games — is ridiculous.

The NBA playoffs are the worst, most obnoxious playoff non-drama in major American sports. I'm done with it as of now.

**THE SCORE**  
Is it June yet?  
JASON I  
AUSTIN I

Yankees reliever Kyle Farnsworth was suspended for three games last week for throwing a fastball behind the head of Red Sox slugger Manny Ramirez.

Do you think the pitch was intentional and did it warrant the suspension?

**JB:** First, let me state the obvious: Kyle Farnsworth sucks. Second, let me state the nearly just as obvious: he seems like the type of pitcher that isn't above head-hunting.

This is the same guy that charged THE PLATE when he was with the Cubs.

Farnsworth clearly threw at Manny, who had already hit two bombs in the game, so as to play the enforcer role for a team annoyed that they couldn't keep the Great Dreadlocked One off base.

Farnsworth missed Manny because, like I said, he sucks. He deserves to be suspended for failing his mission yet again.

**AD:** I don't like to judge too much, but everything about the pitch pointed to Farnsworth taking a hard line with Manny. Yeah, he probably meant to throw in the neighborhood of Manny's noggin.

Considering that Farnsworth is a nut case as well as the fact that A-Rod was hit the night before by a Sox pitcher and that Manny was having a great night last two years at the plate against the Yanks, you just gotta' think he meant to do it.

That said, it's still inexcusable to throw at someone's head, or behind it. "Baseball Code" be damned. It's classless and dangerous. Farnsworth will probably say, "Three games well worth it," but anything less would be a mistake.

**THE SCORE**  
FARNSWORTH: RUINING  
BASEBALL SINCE 2001  
JASON 2  
AUSTIN I

## 2008 Scoreboard and Standings

<b>Baseball</b> Tuesday, April 22 Win @ Dartmouth (F/ 10) UVM: 10 Dartmouth: 9  Wednesday, April 23 Win vs. Quinnipiac UVM: 12 Quinnipiac: 11  Friday, April 25 Loss @ Albany UVM: 4 Albany: 10  Saturday, April 26 Game 1: Win @ Albany UVM: 6 Albany: 5  Game 2: Loss @ Albany UVM: 4 Albany: 6  Sunday, April 27 Win @ Albany UVM: 3 Albany: 1  <b>Men's Lacrosse</b> Tuesday, April 22 Win @ Holy Cross UVM: 3-1-2-3 - 9 HC: 1-2-1-2 - 6  Saturday, April 27 Loss vs. UMBC UMBC: 2-4-1-1 - 8 UVM: 3-2-1-0 - 6  <b>Women's Lacrosse</b> Friday, April 25 Loss vs. UNH UNH: 4-11 - 15 UVM: 4-2 - 6  <b>Softball</b> Wednesday: April 23 Game 1: Loss vs. Albany Albany: 1 UVM: 0  Game 2: Loss vs. Albany	Albany: 5 UVM: 1  Saturday, April 26 Game 1: Win vs. UMBC UMBC: 2 UVM: 3  Game 2: Loss vs. UMBC UMBC: 5 UVM: 2  Saturday, April 26 Win vs. UMBC UMBC: 2 UVM: 5  <b>Baseball</b> Stony Brook - (10-5) Overall - (23-16) Binghamton - (7-5) Overall - (17-21) Hartford - (6-5) Overall - (14-23) UMBC - (7-8) Overall - (15-23) Vermont - (5-6) Overall - (18-17) Albany - (6-9) Overall - (11-30-1) Maine - (4-7) Overall - (16-20-1)  <b>Men's Lacrosse</b> UMBC - (5-0) Overall - (10-3) Albany - (4-1) Overall - (7-7) Stony Brook - (3-2) Overall - (7-6) Binghamton - (2-3) Overall - (4-7) Vermont - (1-4) Overall - (5-11) Hartford - (0-5) Overall - (0-13)  <b>Women's Lacrosse</b> Boston University - (6-0) Overall - (16-2) Vermont - (5-1) Overall - (9-8) New Hampshire - (4-2) Overall - (12-6) Stony Brook - (2-4)	Overall - (9-6) Albany - (2-4) Overall - (8-9) UMBC - (2-4) Overall - (4-12) Binghamton - (0-6) Overall - (5-11)  <b>Softball</b> Boston University - (14-3) Overall - (28-17) Albany - (13-4) Overall - (26-14) Stony Brook - (10-7) Overall - (25-18-1) UMBC - (9-8) Overall - (20-25) Maine - (9-8-0) Overall - (10-36) Hartford - (7-10) Overall - (18-17) Vermont - (5-12) Overall - (12-25) Binghamton - (1-16) Overall - (6-32)  <b>Track and Field</b> Saturday, April 26 @ UNH Invitational Hanover, New Hampshire Notable UVM Performances  <b>Women's:</b> Corinne DiPietro - Women Javelin Throw winner  Kailey Jasper, Ali Chamberlain, Erica Cigolini, Carmen Lagala - Women 4x400M relay winners  Erica Cigolini - Women's 200M dash second place  Carmen Lagala - Women's 200M dash third place, Women's 400M dash second place  Jaime Recore - Women's Shot Put second place  <b>Men's:</b> Colin Lyons - Men 800M run third place
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## Despite strong effort, #5 UMBC edges Cats

Retrievers end men's lacrosse season on senior day, 8-6

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

The #5 UMBC Retrievers spoiled senior day for America East rivals Vermont on Saturday, walking out of Moulton Winder field with an 8-6 victory.

In what proved to be the final game for nine UVM seniors, the Catamounts came out firing, with senior Trevor Wagar scoring an unassisted goal less than two minutes into the game.

UMBC attack Ryan Smith answered just over a minute later with his first goal of the game.

Following that score, UVM freshman Derek Lichtfuss fired a shot past UMBC goalie Jeremy Blevins.

Less than a minute later, Catamount freshman Kyle Hann added another goal for Vermont to bring the lead to 3-1, but UMBC answered with a goal of their own with 1:21 left in the quarter.

Vermont didn't let up their relentless attempt at handing UMBC their first America East loss of the season, as Hann bounced a shot off the turf for his second goal of the game early in the second quarter.

Following a man up and an even strength UMBC goal, Lichtfuss added his second goal of the game with 10:31 left in the quarter to bring the UVM lead to 5-4.

UMBC ended the half with two goals of their own, to take their first lead of the game.

Trailing 7-6 after a defensive struggle in the third quarter, UVM fought hard near the end of the fourth quarter to even the score, but every scoring attempt was squandered by the tough UMBC defense.

The Retrievers added another goal with 1:10 left in the game to seal their victory, ending the Catamounts season, as UVM needed an America East victory to advance to the America East playoffs.

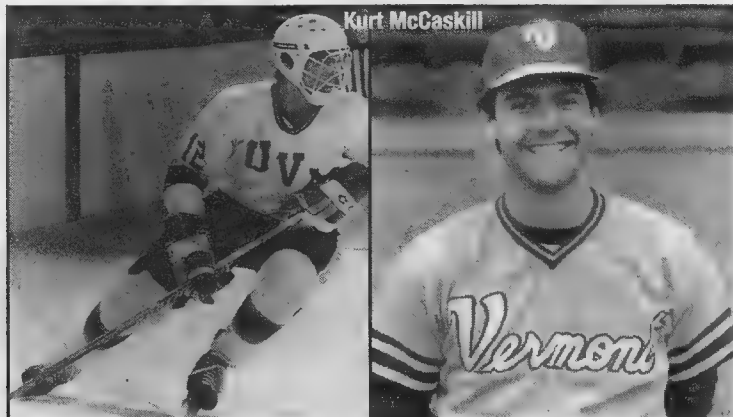
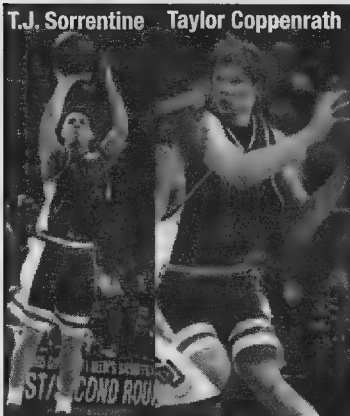
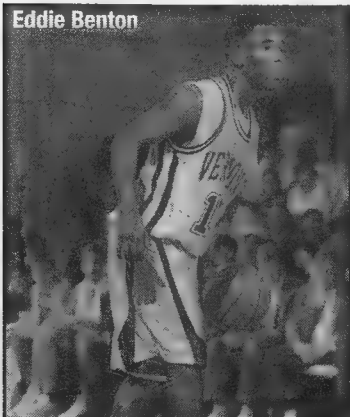
Even with the loss, head coach Ryan Curtis was very pleased with his team's effort against such a strong opponent.

"I couldn't be happier with the effort — it's unfortunate the way it ended, but everyone came out to play today, and I couldn't be prouder of them," Curtis said.

As the Catamounts now look forward to next season, they do so without some very important players.

"I just wish my guys had one more chance to play," Curtis said.





(All Photos courtesy of UVM Athletic Communications and Vermont Cynic)

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# GREATEST ATHLETES in UVM history

By ZACH PARKER

Senior Staff Writer

## 1 - KIRK McCASKILL (1980 - '83)

After being a superstar at UVM and earning All-American honors in hockey and All-East honors in baseball, McCaskill became one of the few players ever to be drafted to both the NHL and MLB.

He was selected in the fourth round in the 1981 NHL

draft by the Winnipeg Jets and in the fourth round of the 1982 MLB draft by the California Angels, making him the highest drafted Catamount baseball player ever.

McCaskill's best Major League season came in 1986 when he went 17-10 with a

3.36 ERA. He finished his professional career in 1996 with the Chicago White Sox, bringing his career win total to 106, his career strikeout total to 1,003 and his career ERA to 4.12.

McCaskill's NHL career was less eventful, as he only

played 78 games for Winnipeg's AHL affiliate team, but he left his mark on UVM hockey, finishing his Catamount career tied for tenth on the career scoring list.

In 2003 McCaskill was inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.

## 2 - MARTIN ST. LOUIS (1993 - '97)

Quite possibly the best hockey player ever to compete at UVM, St. Louis ended his Catamount career as the school leader in career points with 267. His 176 assists are also a UVM all-time record and his 91 goals are third in school history.

Martin St. Louis was the most heralded member of

the UVM men's hockey class of 1997, which also included current NHL players Tim Thomas and Eric Perrin.

Aside from being a three-time first team All-American, St. Louis was also nominated three times for the Hobey Baker Award, which is given to the nation's best collegiate hockey player.

In 1996, along with Perrin and Thomas, St. Louis led the Catamounts to their only trip to the Frozen Four during a season that saw Perrin and St. Louis each notch 85 points — a UVM single-season record. All three players were named first team All-Americans for the 1997 season.

After graduation, St.

Louis went on to a very successful pro career, one which saw him lead the Tampa Bay Lightning to the Stanley Cup title in the 2003-04 season.

During that historic season, St. Louis led the NHL in scoring, along with being named the league's Most Valuable Player.

## 3/4 - TAYLOR COPPENRATH/ T.J. SORRENTINE (2001 - '05)

It's hard to think of UVM basketball from 2001 to 2005 without lumping these two players together.

Sorrentine, the sweet shooting guard, and Coppenrath, the point producing forward, led the Catamounts to not only their best four-

year stretch in team history, but also one of Vermont's finest sporting moments, when Sorrentine hit a game winning three pointer "from the parking lot" that allowed #14 Vermont to upset #3 Syracuse in the first round of the 2005 NCAA Tournament (see the

Dec. 4 issue of The Cynic for the top five greatest moments in UVM history).

Coppenrath finished his UVM career second all-time in points and third in all-time points for the conference. In his senior season, he was the second leading scorer in

the nation, a finalist for the John Wooden Award and he also earned his third-straight All-American honorable mention.

Sorrentine finished his career with an impressive 16.8 points per game.

## 5 - EDDIE BENTON (1992 - '96)

This list wouldn't be a list at all without including UVM basketball's all-time leading scorer.

Benton's senior season was the ultimate clincher to

his UVM legacy, as he won the Naismith Award as the nation's top player under six feet tall, and he finished his four years at Vermont as the career leader in 15 different

offensive categories.

Benton's 54-point outburst against Drexel in 1994 also stands as the UVM and America East record for most points scored in a game.

Benton was named to the America East 20th Anniversary All-Star team in 1998 and, in 2000, he saw his number 10 jersey retired by the University of Vermont.

## 6 - DANIELLE COLLINS (2004 - '08)

Danielle Collins is easily the single greatest field hockey player ever to take the field for UVM.

A 2008 graduate of the University of Vermont, Collins' 121 points and 48 goals scored are both UVM career

records.

Collins led the America East in goals scored, points per game and shots during her senior campaign in 2007, en route to being named the America East Offensive Player of the Year.

She was also featured in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of *Sports Illustrated* magazine in 2007 for her accomplishments, and her Third Team All-American status marked the first time any Catamount field hockey player had been

named an All-American.

2006 was the best collegiate season for Collins, as her 45 points and 18 goals during that year are both UVM single season records, helping to further solidify her UVM legacy.

## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Senior Staff Writer



### Ending with a draft

I've written quite a few of these columns in my time at UVM and, you know what, it's been pretty fun.

I get to write about (usually) what I want to, how I want to and (luckily) when I want to. It usually came down to a Sunday morning or afternoon and this piece is no different, except it's my last one.

And I am at a loss for words.

It was a weak week in sports, by my estimation, which isn't helping me reach my word count. I had thought that for my last go-around I might have a little bit more to say than normal but, uh, maybe I'm just spent.

It must be time to move on — to greener pastures, as they say.

So, I'm wondering, why didn't I get drafted this weekend? Don't publications and publishing houses and news Web sites hold drafts? No? Crap.

The last thing I want to talk about this week is the NFL draft, even though it's what made me wish I'd have been drafted into my next place of journalistic employ.

I mean, the draft is the biggest story and event of the week but in actuality it's nothing but a glorified version of what we all did at recess in grade school — it's televised coverage of picking teams, bogged down by teams spending their entirety of time "on the clock."

[Speaking of being on the clock, I'm writing this and my managing editor (read: sports editor's boss) is nagging me to get this in to my boss (sports editor). This is a pretty great gig. Why am I leaving again?]

But seriously, let's get back to the problem at hand, Mel Kiper Jr.'s hair (maybe ESPN keeps it that way?).

Kiper's 'do is seriously topping the list of worst sports-TV personality hair, right up there with Barry Melrose's mullet (property of ESPN), Scott van Pelt's ever-shortening buzz cut (also ESPN) and Craig Sager's suit (that, is pure TNT).

Kiper should be put on the clock to either get off the air or get to a barbershop for a trim.

My only question is why does he get more face time than all of the actual draftees combined? He's ESPN's NFL Draft Guy. If we think this out rationally, let's ask, what event is bigger and more important, March Madness or the NFL draft?

OK, now let's figure out why Kiper gets time every week from September through April, while the March Madness guys get just March? Really?

That's my beef with Mel Kiper Jr.; but then we get to the draft itself. It's basically two days of watching people speculate and talk about decision-making, spliced with highlight tapes. It might be interesting if we actually got to see the footage of team representatives yelling at each other and making the picks.

I'd like to care, but it's going to be awful hard to root for Indianapolis even with them picking my boy Mike Hart in the sixth round. Sorry, but I'll stick to watching football games, not drafts.

I've got my word count now, time to go, I'm out — an undrafted free agent.

# Keeping UV Groovy

A lot can happen in four years. One writer struggles to come to terms with the changing face of her beloved University

By Molly Shaker



In June of 2004, I, along with a fraction of admitted students that would soon be my fellow classmates, attended a session of freshman orientation.

I'd heard all about the whole "Groovy UV" thing but I was never really sure what it meant; I didn't know if it was real. What made this place so "groovy?" What set us apart from schools like St. Michael's, Champlain and Middlebury colleges?

At orientation, we tie-dyed.

The day we tie-dyed, I realized this place must be pretty groovy — whatever that meant.

On May 18, those students that attended freshman orientation that summer four long years ago will finally graduate.

Over the course of the senior class's lifetime, we have seen the construction of University Heights and Gutterson parking garage. We've seen the dingy, dark, outdoor underground tunnel replaced with a freshly carpeted, brightly lit, heated indoor tunnel inside the almighty Davis Center.

"In the last four years we've started and finished University Heights — which are the first new residence halls we've

built on campus since 1971," Pat Brown, Director of Student Life, said. "Think about that: that's 30 years that we've had no new residence halls. And then the Davis Center. That's two major construction projects that have occurred in the Class of 2008's time here. The area where University Heights is — do you even remember what it used to look like?"

The truth is, I don't.

As the Class of 2008 prepares for graduation day on a campus that has undergone multiple physical changes in our college lifetime, many of us will also step back and look at the thousands of other UVMers that still have more obstacles, opportunities and goals to achieve in their remaining time as college students that we have already conquered.

We'll look at the student body as a whole our campus as a whole and this groovy image that we project as a university and wonder what it means to be a part of Groovy UV and why we're so groovy to begin with.

"I think that at the same time that UVM was at its Groovy UV peak, there were students that were lamenting the

loss of the University that came before," Kesha Ram, former SGA president, said. "I think that UVM, like any other school, goes through cycles. No school, for its own personal health, wants to be the party school forever."

Ram, who became a member of SGA as a sophomore and will graduate in

**"Vermont is already groovy. We've got organic farming, local produce, liberal politics, heady beer and pot ... We're hanging off the left side of the world here."**

-Brad Miller, senior

May, said that this "party school image" has diminished. UVM's play hard, work hard mentality is far more evident than it was when she was a first-year student.

"When I was a first-year student, we had one of the highest binge drinking rates in the country. I am hoping that what has happened is that we have kept that spirit of activism but reintroduced the academic rigor and reintroduced this sense of community that goes above and beyond the partying mentality."

Brad Miller, a senior from Great Falls, Virginia who has been an avid member of the Outing Club since his sophomore year, said that there have, of course, been changes to the overall image of our University since he arrived in the fall of 2004.

"The school has changed," he said. "I think that if people try to say that the Davis Center didn't have effects that go beyond its walls I think that they would be lying. I think it's changed the direction of what the rest of the school is like."

Miller thought back fondly on the days when the heartbeat of student life pulsed primarily from Billings Student Center, which he said has turned into a "relic" since the construction of the Davis Center.

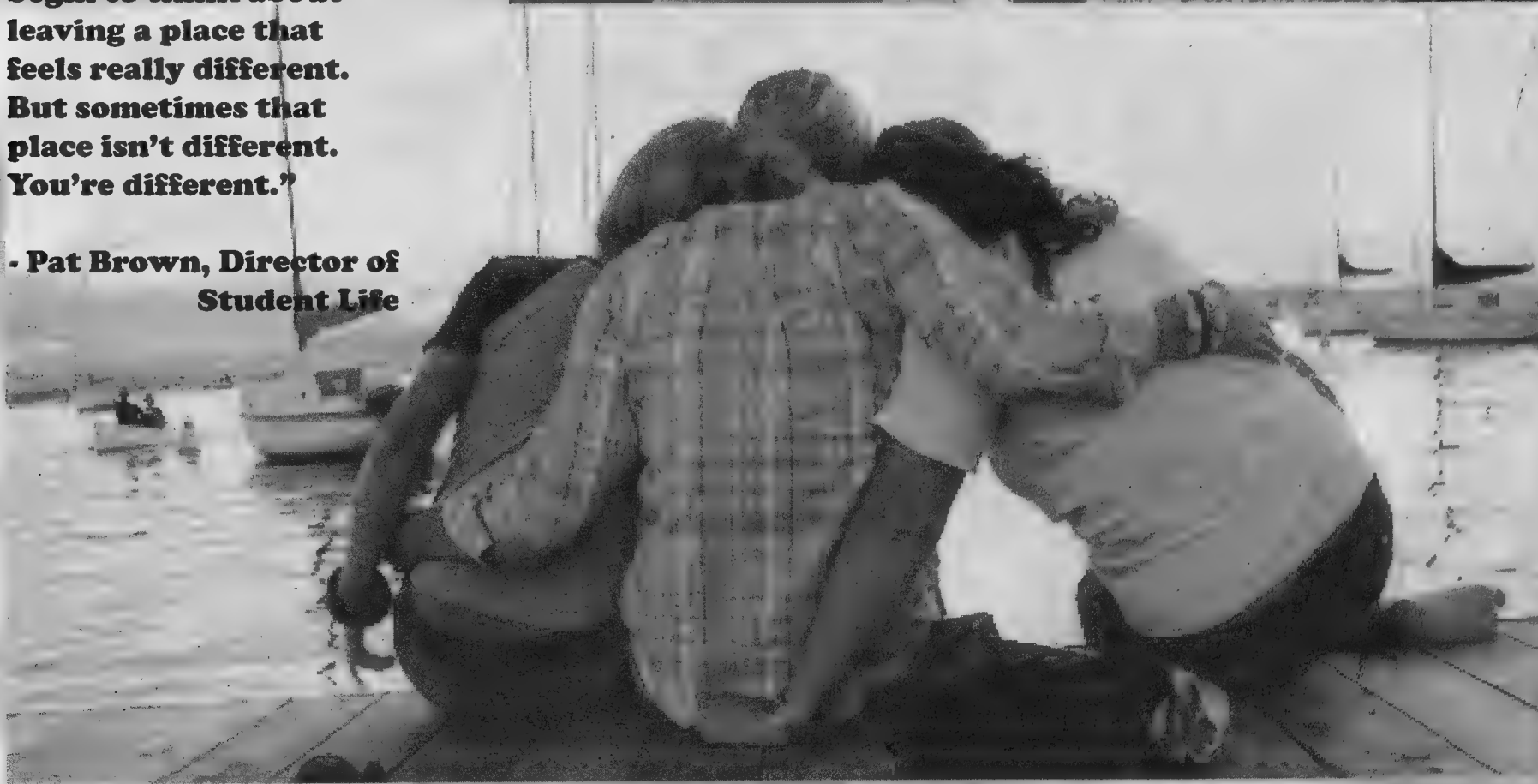
Billings continues to be used for various purposes but the vibrancy that





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**- Pat Brown, Director of Student Life**



(Photos Courtesy of Liz Crawford and Kira Pickering)

once existed in and around this building have indeed changed with the unveiling of the Davis Center, Brown said.

Cook Commons, for example, which was once a dining hall that provided those students not necessarily on a meal plan with an alternative option for food, has been converted into a residential dining complex like Simpson Dining Hall and the Harris/Millis Dining Hall, he said.

Brown, who mentioned several possible plans as to what should be done with the empty spaces in our old student center, said that Special Collections might one day be moved from the basement of Bailey/Howe to the North Lounge of Billings. He also said that part of the building might be the new home to the Holocaust Studies Department.

“When we were freshmen, Billings was the social epicenter,” Miller said. “It’s beautiful and earthy. Now it’s just a relic; it’s dead space. Everything that was there has gone to the Davis Center which is very sterile and not really in keeping with all these things that are groovy.”

For the Class of 2008, this transition from the former student center to the

Davis Center is one of many changes that seems to have affected the image of the University.

But it’s these transformations that have also attracted a more diversified student body. The result has not been a loss of what once made UVM so groovy. Rather, there are simply more types of students; the groove is still there.

“Vermont is already groovy,” Miller said. “We’ve got organic farming, local produce, liberal politics, heady beer and pot. People smoke weed with their parents; we’re hanging off the left side of the world here.”

This, he said, will never change; this is the heart of the Green Mountain State’s lifestyle.

“Then you’ve got all of these kids who have never experienced anything like it — many of them with huge amounts of money — who delve right into it. They blow it up in every way, shape and form. That culture is allowed to flourish here.”

Casey Carroll, a senior from New York City, used to stick out like a sore thumb as he walked through campus in bright pink pants and vibrant, striped polo shirts with a double popped collar.

“Walking through campus a few

years ago I would be called out for popping my collar and now I don’t stand out as much,” he said.

Though his exceptionally preppy fashion sense doesn’t seem so out of place on campus anymore, Carroll is confident that the so-called “hippie culture” at UVM will always have its place on our campus.

“The hippies are way into keeping their image intact and the preps are into keeping their image intact now, too,” he said. “I didn’t really see so much of that a few years ago, which may be a reflection of who I associate with, but campus has definitely become more polarized. But that sort of grassroots group of ‘groovy’ kids will always be here.”

According to a national survey that UVM, along with over a thousand other universities, gives to incoming freshmen at orientation sessions, the mentality of students on our campus has remained relatively the same over the years.

“There are pieces of information that tell us about our students that hasn’t changed much over time,” Brown said. “There are questions about social values like whether pot should

be legalized. We’re about 18 percent higher than these other schools but I think that statement says something about these liberal sorts of social values.”

The two weeks after we returned to school from winter break freshman year were two of the coldest weeks I think I’ll ever experience.

I remember walking back to my room in Harris from the library one night in the snow. I walked through the tunnel, past the underground sub shop and walls caked in graffiti and flyers for shows at Slade Hall.

I remember wishing there were some sort of indoor passage that would take me from the library to Harris — preferably a heated one.

Now, we have that heated tunnel and I miss the character of the old one.

These changes aren’t bad ones; things are just different. Does that mean we’re less groovy?

“I don’t think so,” Brown said.

“There’s always that time when you reflect back on your four or five years of college and begin to think about leaving a place that feels really different. But sometimes that place isn’t different. You’re different.”

## [SPEC]TACLE

## KNOWING WHAT TO FLUSH



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

"Are you going to get up from the toilet and do something?" asked Basil Tsimoyianis, an organizer for the student group Kleercut.

On Thursday April 24, several toilets were placed on the walkways between the Davis Center and the Bailey Howe Library, where representatives of the "UVM Forest Crimes Unit" sat in imitation of somebody doing their bathroom business.

The point of the demonstration, which also

included a large banner totting a quote from the popular children's book, "The Lorax," was to raise awareness for an online poll on the Davis Center's website, said Tsimoyianis.

The poll seeks student's opinions on alternative, eco-friendly toilet papers being tested in the Davis Center bathrooms, according to the Web site.

**BY JOSH LEE**

Above: First-year Laura Davidson sits on a toilet in front of the Davis Center; Below: Other students mount porcelain thrones in the name of the environment. One student (right) bared all and covered himself with only a bath towel.



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)





Janet MacDonald '09



Travis Minor '09



Kari Anderson '08



Will Murray '08

What is the worst pick-up line you have ever used/has been used on you?

You're a night shower-er?  
We should shower together.

How much does a polar  
bear weigh? Enough to  
break the ice ...

You don't know me,  
but I saw your smile on  
Facebook.

I'd love to paint you.

Did it work?

Hell no!

Yes, it did.

No!

We've been married  
happily for a year.

Down by the bay, where the watermelons grow, back to my home I dare not go. For if I do, my mother will say:

Have you ever seen  
a fly wear a polka-  
dotted tie?

Ramazan Gungo!

Huh?

Have you ever had a  
poop that threw you  
for a loop?

Underwear? Yes/No/Maybe?

Never.

Maybe.

Maybe.

Yes.

CYNICAL INQUISITION

Cynical Inquisitor: Alyssa Samson

# This Week → 4.29 - 5.5

## tue

HOOP DANCING  
STUDY BREAK  
CBW Green  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING  
Ira Allen Chapel  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

BLACK STUDENT  
UNION MEETING  
L/L Commons 216  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

HOLOCAUST MOVIE:  
"PAPER CLIPS"  
Fleming Museum 101  
7:45 p.m.

PHOEBE MAGAZINE  
RELEASE PARTY  
Halvorson's Upstreet  
Café  
8 p.m. - 12 a.m.

## wed

NATIONAL WALK AT  
LUNCH DAY  
University Sidewalks  
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

SWISS AMBASSADOR  
LECTURE  
Billings North Lounge  
B300  
5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.

30TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF TAKE BACK THE  
NIGHT KICKOFF  
Billings  
5:30 p.m.

HANDI DRUMMING  
AND PERCUSSION  
ENSEMBLE  
Music Building Recital  
Hall  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

## thu

2008 STUDENT  
LIFE LEADERSHIP  
AWARDS  
Davis Center Silver  
Maple Ballroom  
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

ROBERT V. DANIELS  
AWARD RECEPTION  
Old Mill John Dewey  
Lounge 325  
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

HOLOCAUST  
SPEAKERS  
Davis Center Sugar  
Maple Ballroom  
5 p.m.

LIVE TV SHOW  
TAPING: "LATE NIGHT  
SATURDAY WITH TIM  
KAVANAGH"  
Champlain College  
Alumni Auditorium  
6:55 p.m.

## fri

SHABBAT TO GO  
Davis Center Atrium  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

OAXACA INFO  
SESSION  
Davis Center  
Williams Family  
Room  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ISRAEL SHABBAT  
Billings Marsh  
Lounge  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SASS SOCIAL  
BALLROOM DANCE  
Davis Center Grand  
Maple Ballroom  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

## sat

THREEPENNY  
OPERA PROJECT  
PERFORMANCE  
Mcauley Dining Hall  
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THREEPENNY  
OPERA PROJECT  
PERFORMANCE  
Mcauley Dining Hall  
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT  
MOVIE  
Billings Ira Allen  
Lecture Hall  
8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

## sun

BIRTHDAY PARTY  
FOR ISRAEL @ 60  
Davis Center The  
Livak Ballroom  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

THREEPENNY  
OPERA PROJECT  
PERFORMANCE  
MCAULEY DINING  
HALL  
3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

WRUV STATION  
MEETING  
Davis Center  
Mansfield Dining  
Room  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SENIOR RECITAL:  
MIKE DUNN, TENOR  
SAX  
Music Building  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP  
Davis Center  
Chittenden Bank  
Room  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

UVM HILLEL  
STUDENT BOARD  
MEETING  
University Height N1  
Multipurpose Room  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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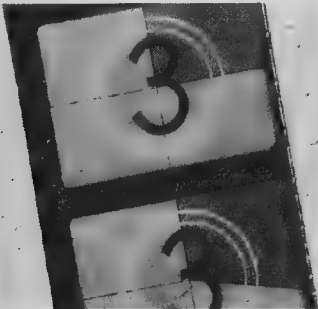
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## Mothers of UVM, let your kids go to the movies!

By JOHN MCMILLIN

Asst. A & E Editor

The first of what will be an annual festival, the UVM Student Film Festival took place on Thursday, April 17. Hosted by UVM senior Maxwell Tubman, and featuring live music by Tequila Mockingbird, the festival was a success, with potential to grow in the years that follow.



(Photo courtesy of Creative Commons)

The Cynic's resident cinema expert comments on UVM's first student film festival.

"I think that the film department is getting stronger," Tubman said, "but I want to see the production department get stronger so that in the future UVM can compete with Champlain College, Burlington College and other New England colleges and universities."

The festival featured 16 short films ranging from 40 seconds to two minutes in length.

First place went to Lewis Rapkin's "Harmonia." Influenced by Michel Gondry's famous music video for Cibo Matto's "Sugar Water," "Harmonia" was a meticulous work featuring a split screen with two simultaneous 5:30 shots and well deserving of its first place status.

Rapkin's original song for the film was a dead-ringer for a Harmonia track, flawlessly recreating the analogue synth sounds of the influential Krautrock band.

"I thought it was funny that first prize was gift certificate to the Bern Gallery," Rapkin said. "Thanks UVM for giving me a gift certificate to a head shop."

Second place went to David Andreini's "Morning Toast," a very funny comedic horror film about a man's anxiety upon entering the working world.

"Anime Day" by Gef Gove and Dave Kauffmann took third place, or Crowd Pick. A sucker for stop-motion photography, I thought it was a contender for best film. It was one of the most imaginative selections and the beard scene was laugh-out-loud-funny.

Unfortunately, the film suffered from a hackneyed white-boys-can't-dance-black-boys-can joke in the center. Don't get it twisted, everyone loves a good racial stereotype, but I found this one offensive as a white-boy who can dance.

Louis Armistead's noir pic "The Bird and the Stone" showed a lot of promise. Well-shot and well-written, the only drawbacks were its (forgivable) clumsy acting and a few missed joke opportunities (for example, when Rita comments that there are no vowels on Truck's door, why doesn't he respond "the vowels cost extra"?).

Other notable selections included "Home Grown," a documentary about the exhibits of buying local produce and supporting businesses who do so, and "Ruski Prison Tattoo."

Also a documentary by senior Andrew Huber, "Ruski" takes the audience step by step through the creation of an "authentic Russian prison tattoo." The film was originally conceived of as an anthropology project. I'll give you two guesses where its subject gets the tattoo. (A hint, the filmmakers didn't shy from showing nudity.)

If you missed the screening, you can visit the festival's Facebook page to view the top three films or visit [uvm-filmfest.blogspot.com](http://uvm-filmfest.blogspot.com) for more information on future events and submissions.

# Hanson comeback at Higher Ground, never left

By MOLLY SHAKER

Features Editor

Camping out is prohibited at Higher Ground. Apparently.

On the night of April 22 — the eve of Hanson's Higher Ground debut — Jason Held, a Higher Ground security guard, assisted in ushering concert goers out of the venue around 11:15 p.m.

Much to his surprise, Held saw a group of 15 or so college girls "camping out" on picnic blankets in the parking lot.

When he and a fellow security guard checked out for the night two hours later, the girls were still there.

Last Wednesday night the brothers — now all in their 20s, married and with children — performed at Higher Ground.

When the show was announced, many of us sat in wonder at what a night with Hanson — whose name many of us hadn't heard since the early years of middle school — would be like.

But the Tulsa brothers have some seriously devout fans. So devout, in fact, that those who weren't camping in the parking lot nearly 24 hours before the band would take the stage, made their way to the venue as early as Wednesday morning to wait in line for the show.

Held said that he and Higher Ground staff anticipated the excitement for the



(Bobby Bruderle/Vermont Cynic)

Fans camping in the parking lot at Higher Ground and a power outage didn't stop the new and improved Hanson from rocking the Burlington venue.

sold-out performance. But the campers came as quite a surprise.

"We got tons of phone calls yesterday asking if people could camp out," Held said. "Once in a while we'll get fans of bands who are playing two or three nights in a row who will ask if they can leave their cars here," Held said. "But I've never, ever heard of anyone camping out. We didn't really know what to do."

Scheduled to perform at 9:45 p.m. after performances by opening acts Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers and Kate Voegele, Hanson didn't make their appearance until just before 11 p.m., due to a power-outage.

Finally, to the sound of music as epic as the Star Wars theme song, Hanson — that is, Isaac, 27, Taylor, 25 and Zac, 22 — moseyed onto the stage as the rather piercing screams of a sold-out crowd of almost entirely all college-aged girls grew louder.

Opening with "The Great Divide," a track off their most recent album *The Walk*, the band carried on with everything from a cover of Wilson Pickett's "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love" to an acoustic version of "Mmmmbop" (that sounded shockingly similar to the way it did in 1997).

And those screaming fans screamed just as loudly

as they must have when the Hanson brothers were just boys. They sang every word to every song; cheered just as joyously as ever when Taylor walked the length of the stage encouraging us to sing along with his brothers and him.

Whether you were there for the 5th-grader in you or because you're one of those diehard fans that's been following them since way back when, the Hanson brothers have made it clear that they're not going anywhere.

But it was fans camping out in the Higher Ground parking lot and lining up early on Wednesday morning that are proof that they never left.

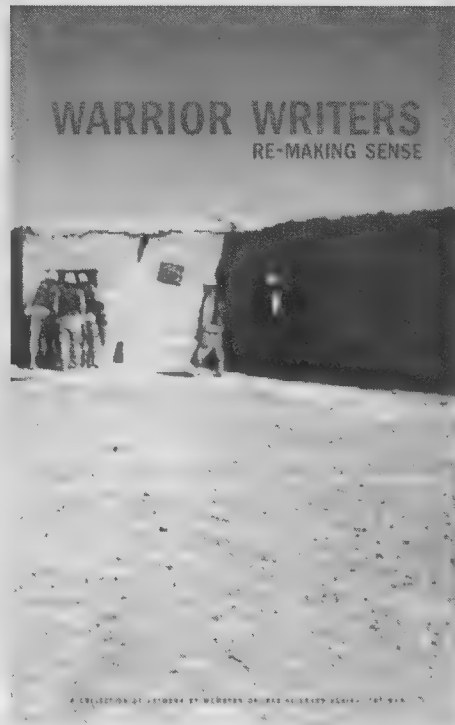
## The awful truth, veterans' art at Ira Allen

By OLIVIA SAPERSTEIN

Staff Writer

On Monday, April 21, at Ira Allen Chapel, two communities came together to create value out of the nightmare of war: the anti-war community, and the literary community.

Four Iraqi veterans courageously took the stage to read the works they had composed in the time following their arrival, some of which were compiled in a book called "Warrior Writers, Remaking Sense," which was being sold at the event.



(Photo courtesy of ivaw.org)

"Warrior Writers," a new collection of art and writing by Iraq Veterans, was released at Ira Allen Chapel on Monday, April 25th.

The book was a result of the collaboration between Lovella Calcia of Iraq Veterans Against War (IVAW) and The Green Door Studio — a unique art studio in South Burlington.

At the studio, Calcia conducted a writer's workshop to help veterans cope with their traumatic experience.

**"[Returning from war] is like I'm getting ready to meet a person I'm going to live with for the rest of my life."**

*-Matt Hrutkay, Iraq Veteran and member of IVAW.*

Veterans Drew Cameron, Jon Turner, Matt Hrutkay and Matt Howard, all members of IVAW, of which three are Burlington natives, participated in the workshop. All of them contributed their truthful, daunting experiences to the evening's reading.

Writer and University of Vermont English professor, David Huddle, who is a Vietnam veteran, was also there to give supporting words.

A key point he made was that the works of these veterans do not glorify war, making it exciting, or "perverse-ly appealing."

"These soldiers are more concerned with testimony than art and career," Huddle said. He stressed their courage to speak the truth about Iraq, the truth that "we should have the courage to hear."

The soldiers wrote about everything from loss of sleep, to the gruesome violence of war, to feelings of total darkness.

Jon Turner explained how writing and doing artwork with The Green

Door Studio was like therapy for him.

He read a poem entitled, "April 2nd," about four friends that were simultaneously killed by an Improvised Explosive Device which has become the weapon most associated with American deaths in Iraq. It felt as though his words were taking the audience into his head.

Matt Hrutkay, a veteran from New York City, majored in journalism in college, and claimed that the feeling of returning from war "is like I'm getting ready to meet a person I'm going to live with for the rest of my life."

Hrutkay shared writings about the difficulties of sleep and being unable to cry.

He read from a prose piece, "How do you learn to let yourself feel?" and "Rationalism leaves you in an emotional no-man's-land."

It seemed as if the audience was listening to these men with their entire being. Burlington native Matt Howard said, "A soldier's death isn't anything like the movies ... it is just death." And in fact what these soldiers were doing, was really de-glamorizing war.

The last reader of the night was Drew Cameron, also from Burlington, who drew emotion from the crowd by starting off with a war chant. Cameron, director of The Green Door Studio, worked with The People's Republic of Paper, a branch of the studio focused on paper and print-making, to use art as an outlet for his experience. After the reading, he and Turner showed their artwork that consisted of prints of soldiers, as well as various other forms of Americana reflecting the war experience.



# [critic]al thinking

## Saturdays = Youth + M83 = bomb-ass record



**M83**  
Saturdays = Youth  
(Mute U.S.)

★★★★ 1/2

### Sounds like:

.....  
The Arcade Fire  
MGMT

"Saturdays = Youth" — the most recent album from French musician M83 (aka Anthony Gonzalez) — is big music.

**Record Review**  
•  
**Molly Shaker**

And by big, we really mean epic. In almost every sense of the word, "Saturdays = Youth" will rock you with music that moves in all directions.

But, the direction this album seems to move us the is backwards — back to the Saturday nights of our youth.

The album begins with the twinkling of piano chords and is gradually taken over by Gonzalez's

catchy falsetto.

Joined by three other players, Gonzalez has created an album that tickles the nostalgia in us the same way Montreal group The Arcade Fire does. The combination of alternative and electronic caters to the technological advancements of the day while still allowing us to bask in the times when music (and life) was a bit simpler.

Regardless of Gonzalez's intentions, this album truly does bring us back to the Saturdays of our youth. The mix of lustful and tense high school weekend nights come reeling back at us with tracks like "Up!" and

"Until the Night is Over."

"We Own the Sky" speaks to M83's surprisingly authentic 1980s sound, more specifically the music we'd expect in an '80s film set in a Midwest high school — the plot revolving around something pertaining to teen angst.

Picture this: Matthew McConaughey's character in "Dazed and Confused" clearing the halls of his high school — in slow motion, of course: girls drool as he passes, boys try to mimic his style.

And maybe, just maybe, M83's "We Own the Sky" is playing as he disappears off-screen.

## Blind Melon does justice to their friends



**Blind Melon**  
For My Friends  
(Adrenaline)

★★★★ 1/2

### Sounds like:

.....  
The Black Keys  
Guns 'N Roses

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lets the drummer show off his ability to make something so simple so catchy. The only problem with this song is that its climax is lacking the sweet solo we get a few songs later, sounding out of place in 2006's single "Make A Difference."

If you've never been thrilled by any Blind Melon other than "No Rain," this album might not change that for you, most of it sounds like it's reaching back to try to find the magic hidden in that song.

If you're a fan of their entire collection, however, this album should be exactly what you've been waiting for.

Overall, it's closer to their folk rock roots that brought 1993's "No Rain" than 1995's "Soup" but none quite make the same impression; it sounds like The Grateful Dead as covered by Guns 'N Roses. "The Right Set Of Eyes" and "Wishing Well" on the current record are rockier with great energy. "Sometimes" has a great build and a very catchy but ultimately weak climax.

Their early release "Down On The Pharmacy" is better than the more regular sounding "Make A Difference," a mediocre song, if not out of place, and in simple solo that really gets the job done. "Last Laugh" starts out almost slow, but progresses into a more rocky progression without building up first — it leaves you wanting a "more" that never comes.

## DIGGIN' IN THE CRATES

WRUV's Music Director, Brooke Morrison says:

Here are five albums to celebrate the end of the school year from DJ Bill Murray! Have a great summer and be sure to czech out these sweet jams:



**Cut Copy: In Ghost Colors**

(Modular)

It's summer, wanna get dancey? Australian electro-pop at it's finest, these Melbourne natives recently dropped their junior release to much acclaim. If you want to get your moves on without the drum n' bass this album might tickle you pretty. Check out the title track and "Lights and Music" for the albums best dance tunes.



**LCD Soundsystem: Sound of Silver**

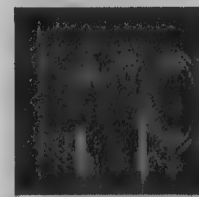
(DFA)

Having a dance party? These New York natives have already done half the work. Fronted by the founder of the dance-punk label DFA and accompanied by the guitarist from Hot Chip, there is nothing in the formula that's not adding up. Give "Us v. Them" and "Get Innocuous" a shot if you've done your stretching.



**The Flaming Lips: Soft Bulletin** (Warner Bros.)

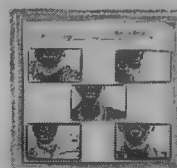
Grab some doses and your carefree attitude for this one. Wayne Coyne's signature psychedelic lyrics and electronic fizz makes this album a gem for the car trip to the beach. Features some Lips classics, such as "Race for the Prize" and "Buggin'."



**My Morning Jacket: It Still Moves**

(Darla)

The sun still sets in the summer, and when it does, it will be worth your while to throw on some slow Kentucky rock. Jim James belts out many reverb-laden lyrics that will massage your sunburned bones into a mellow bliss. This is the perfect album for a thru-play.



**Dr. Dog: Easy Beat** (Park the Van)

Philly natives and Springfest openers, these guys do Beatles-influenced rock like Aunt Jemima does pancakes — need I say more? Give "The Pretender" and "Say Something" a good listen for starts.

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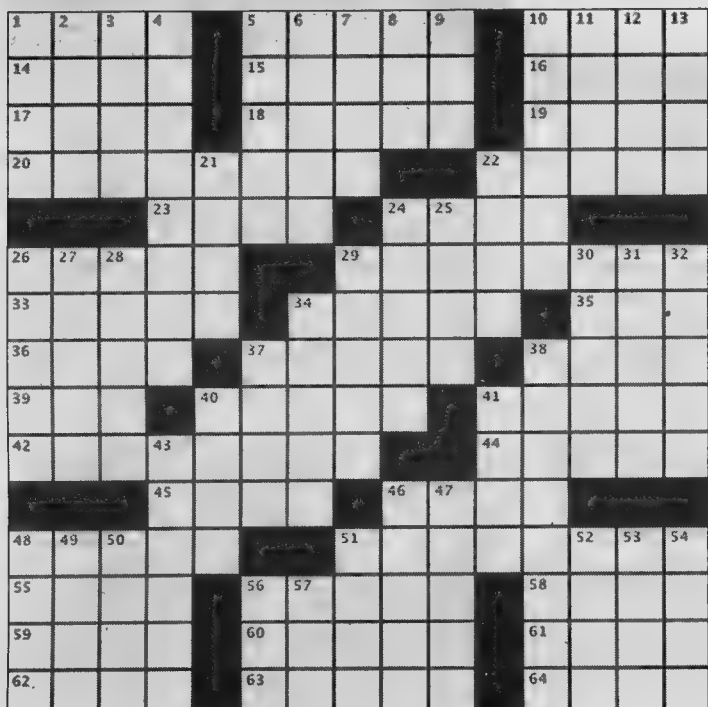


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# CROSSWORD



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# P U Z Z L E

## ACROSS

- 1- Alternative to a shower
- 5- Fortune-teller
- 10- Feminist Lucretia
- 14- On the ocean
- 15- Metallic mixture
- 16- Moisturizer ingredient
- 17- Prevaricator
- 18- Sierra \_\_\_\_
- 19- Promontory
- 20- Abuse
- 22- Slack part in a rope
- 23- Money-related: Abbr.
- 24- Blackbird
- 26- Plant flower
- 29- Shaped like a leaf
- 33- "Filthy" money
- 34- Similar
- 35- Large flightless bird
- 36- Chilled
- 37- Emerge
- 38- Cartel
- 39- Jamaican popular music
- 40- Overturn
- 41- Mediterranean island
- 42- Brief summary
- 44- Beginning
- 45- Digits of the foot
- 46- People in general
- 48- European kingdom
- 51- Slices of prepared meats
- 55- Prom wheels
- 56- Facial hair
- 58- Riding
- 59- Western Indians

## 60- Extent

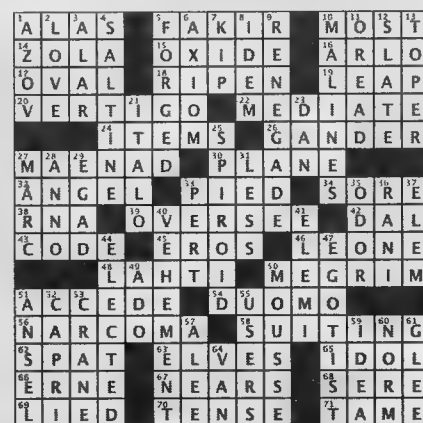
- 61- Describes a gently cooked steak  
62- Long luxuriant hair  
63- Aquatic mammal  
64- Arab sailing vessel

**DOWN**

- 1- Aromatic fragrance
- 2- Bhutan's continent
- 3- Bluey-green color
- 4- Capital of Connecticut
- 5- Type of pitch
- 6- Pertaining to the small intestine
- 7- Rorschach's "spill"
- 8- Hither's partner
- 9- Cleaning agent
- 10- Capital of the Philippines
- 11- Designer Cassini
- 12- Nonsense
- 13- Exam used to measure aptitude or intelligence
- 14- Hoar
- 15- Soft cheese
- 16- Damp
- 17- Sommer of film
- 18- Rapture
- 19- Fortunate
- 20- Indian, for one
- 21- Soars
- 22- Informs
- 23- Engage in histrionics
- 24- Gold coin
- 25- Bears the ictus
- 26- Church recess
- 27- Credit card

- 40- Atop  
41- Shape  
43- Idle  
46- Beat into shape  
47- More mature  
48- Run-down quarter  
49- Middle Eastern bread  
50- Traditional prayer ending  
51- Pious platitudes  
52- Mormon state of western USA  
53- Bull  
54- Gush  
56- Good buddy  
57- Devour

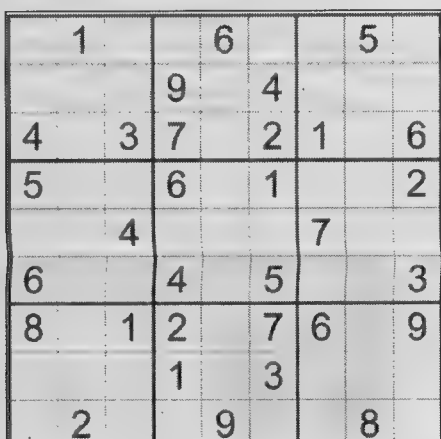
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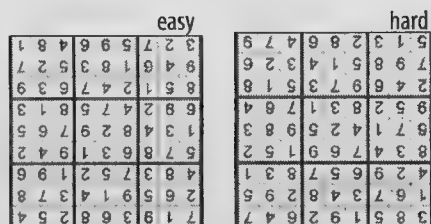
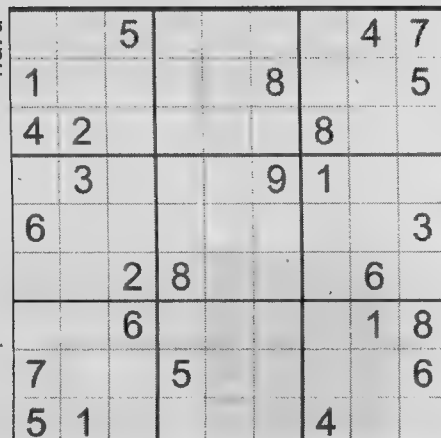
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# The new way to pay it forward

## Students hand out hot dogs for free

By MAGDALENA JENSEN

Senior Staff Writer

In today's world of terrorism, fear mongering, genocides, school shootings and countless other violent acts, the future seems bleak and pessimistic. However, there is some hope.

This hope comes in the form of concrete action, and in particular, through random acts of kindness.

April 24 is, according to the UVM Department of Student Life, Random Acts of Kindness Day. While there was no evidence to support this day as an international holiday, who's to say that UVM simply cannot declare its own day to hand out slushies, hot dogs, massages and ice cream for free?

If you missed out on these completely sporadic, "random" acts of kindness organized all over campus on Thursday, fear not. It is an annual tradition you can look forward to next year.

Several fortunate recipients of the beef hot dogs (is it really ALL beef?) were asked if the gift actually encouraged them to pass along an act of kindness. The responses varied from the self-righteous, "I do [random acts of kindness] all the time" (friends of Rajiv Anand: is this true?) to the grateful, "Free food is always nice" from sophomore Emily Piccone.

Other responses filled in this grand spectrum of varied feelings. Sophomore Derek

Angel took a resentful approach, claiming, "You just see it as free food. We pay to go here, so they're giving us food for a day."

Well, to all the pessimists out there: a better, more positive world starts with the little things.

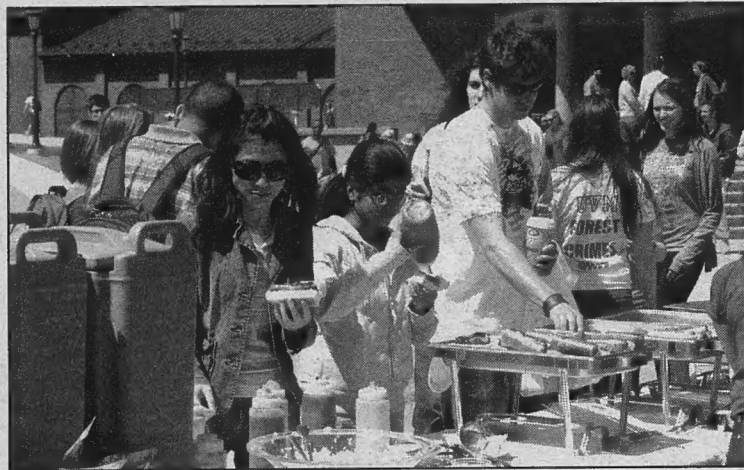
Random Acts of Kindness Day, as declared by UVM, is just one example of a marked attempt to make the world a better place. You, too, can engage in all sorts of these little

- Say "good morning" to the person you see every day who would least expect it (give the custodians some love!)

- Handwrite a letter to your grandmother or favorite elementary school teacher.

- Hold the door open for a stranger and actually make eye contact.

- Donate some old clothes (there's a big yellow box at the Mobil station on Pearl Street that gladly accepts used items).



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

Students enjoy free hot dogs outside of the Davis Center in celebration of Random Acts of Kindness Day.

acts and make someone's day brighter.

Remember that sad movie "Pay It Forward"? Well, embrace it; pay forward all the good that's been done to you.

The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (it's actually a legit non-profit) makes it their mission to spread happiness.

A few things that they suggest for the average person can be easily incorporated into your life.

- Pick up some trash in your neighborhood (Spring cleanup!).

- Stop for pedestrians or let a car go ahead of you (Vermont traffic gets pretty bad in the afternoons).

We all want to live in a better world, so it's up to us to make it that way. Try to make it your mission to do something lovely every day. It can never hurt to accrue good karma.

## And the living is easy



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

A group of students enjoy the first few days of summer at North Beach. Easy to get to and inexpensive, a day at the beach is always a good summer option.

## Things to do, no matter where you spend your summer

By SARAH GRACE ANDERS

Cynic Correspondent

This summer, you're probably working. That doesn't mean, however, that you can't have a good time on the weekends! Here are a few idyllic one or two night vacations that won't break the bank.

### Truro, MA

Cape Cod is one of the most popular New England beach getaways during the summer, and is accordingly very expensive.

You can skirt the prices by staying at a youth hostel, the HI-Truro. Sleeping in a dorm-style bed is about \$30 a night over the summer, which may sound pretty steep for a hostel—until you realize that a beautiful beach is a 3-minute walk away.

The Truro hostel is clean, fun, social and very beautiful. To save further, bring food to

cook in the kitchen. For those who aren't content just to veg, happening Provincetown is right nearby.

### Littleton, NH

While this small New Hampshire town isn't necessarily a major tourist hub, it is a comfortable site for a bargain getaway.

Nearby, The Rocks Estate, a 1,400 acre reserve, offers free hiking trails. Located on Main Street, Thayers Inn is just \$45 for a double -- breakfast included -- with a shared bathroom. But, hey, you're used to it.

### Champlain Islands, VT

If you're spending the summer in Burlington, you may want to get away from the city life. Or, you may have the desire to escape from civilization altogether. Check out the Champlain Islands, just 45 minutes to the north.

Convenient, accessible and scenic, most mid-priced accommodations have stellar views of the lake.

## Lou's News

### A Not News Report



by Louis Armistead

Along with giving out free hot dogs last Tuesday as part of "Random Acts of Kindness Day," the Department of Student Life also unknowingly distributed nearly two thousand cases of uncontrollable diarrhea to the UVM student body.

"It was horrible," Giles Duncan, UVM freshman, said. "I don't know if it was the low grade prison meat they were serving us, or the fact that we were given hot dogs at ten in the morning. Either way, I was firing out butt lava like there was no tomorrow."

The University has had to address this spring's diarrhea epidemic with caution and humility.

"On behalf the University's Student Life

## Random acts of kindness day turns into random acts of diarrhea day

staff, we sincerely apologize for any stomach troubles we may have caused," one university official said.

"We only hope that we as a University can move pass this grueling time of ass bubbling and move on towards a brighter tomorrow."

The Diarrhea Epidemic of 2008 could very well be taking its highest toll on the University cleaning staff.

"I've never seen anything like it," one member of the cleaning staff said. "There just aren't enough toilets. Why would God let something like this happen?"

The University has admitted that they have never had to worry about a student-to-toilet ratio until

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now, but in the event of this unexpected cacophony of explosive diarrhea, it is something they will now have to take into consideration.

"We just don't have the toilets to sit every student at once," the University president said. "In the past, we have relied on a basic rotation in university

bathrooms that would prevent any line waiting. But we were just not prepared for a catastrophe like this."

In lieu of this widespread eruption, the University has been forced to redo designs for all renovated buildings to increase the number of toilets available to the student body.

"We've been serving diarrhea-inducing food for years," Trent Stapleton, Chairman for Student Dining Services, said. "We've just always spread it out between meals. The decision to dish out those hot dogs was a mistake that pushed too many thresholds, and now look: our campus is a sea of ass gravy."

While the University struggles to put together a contingency plan in the event of another "brown barrage," nearly a quarter of the student body remains toilet-ridden.

As the University develops their strategy to deal with another catastrophe, a recovering student body remains restless about what has been done to them, and questions the motives of the University.

"UVM supposedly creates an environment that promotes free thought and open expression, but in the end, all we really got was a sea of feces."

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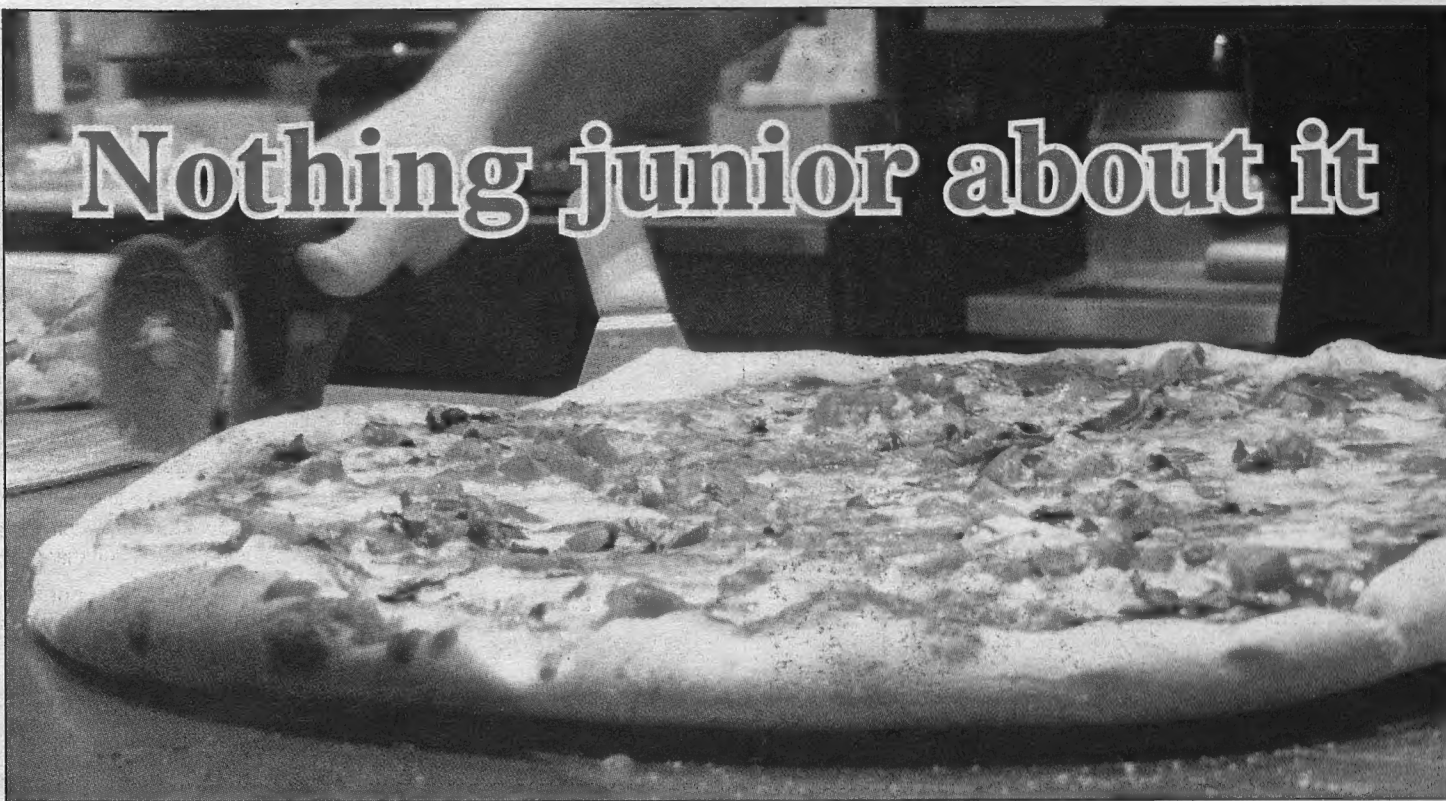
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# Nothing junior about it



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

A Junior's employee slicing a pizza for customers. Originally a Dunkin Donuts, this small pizza joint has been the favorite of locals since its opening.

By HAYLLEY JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The smell of freshly baked pizza and the sound of avidly talking diners surrounds customers as they walk past Junior's.

Located at 167 Main Street, the restaurant was constructed in an old Dunkin Donuts store, yet now, one could not imagine a donut store there instead of this little pizza joint.

There are a few tables in the restaurant that are covered in classic red and white checked tablecloths, as well as a dining counter looking out at busy Main Street, which is perfect for people watching.

While in line to order, a customer can easily see pizza dough being tossed in the back of the kitchen, and they can look at the different varieties of individual pizza slices in the case next to the register.

Although the menu is located somewhat awkwardly at the front of the restaurant, with only one other copy on the wall next to the door, the staff at Junior's and the superb food completely remedies any difficulties looking at the menu.

The two members of the staff interacting with the customers were exceedingly accommodating, quick and helpful. They took orders accurately and were prompt to bring extra cheese and plates.

Even though there were only two people working the counter, every customer's need was thoroughly

met.

The pizza came out just as quickly as the staff helped. The restaurant was packed, adding to the classic pizzeria atmosphere, yet there was no significant delay in waiting for one's order.

A fountain drink stand made drink refills speedy, and the pizza came out promptly at the perfect temperature.



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

An employee at Junior's makes pepperoni pizza for hungry customers.

The crust was crispy, while simultaneously being quite soft on the inside.

Covered in onions, peppers, mushrooms, sausage and pepperoni, the original specialty pizza lacked nothing in the way of toppings and the vegetables were not over-cooked or soggy.

The menu was full of a wide variety of toppings, and the specialty pizzas were easily suited for many people's individual tastes.

There were slices of pizza of any kind available for sale as well, enabling anyone to still enjoy the company of a group while eating exactly what one wants.

While there are other delicious-sounding options on the menu apart from pizza, such as Panini sandwiches, calzones and pasta, Junior's seems to be a primarily pizza-oriented restaurant. However, this does not allow the presence of their marvelous baked goods to go unnoticed.

There are many different Italian and classic baked goods available, whether one desires an individual sized éclair or a large chocolate cake.

The pastries are kept in a glass-faced refrigerator easily seen from the dining area to draw in those customers with a sweet tooth.

Apart from the delectable options available for immediate consumption in the restaurant, there are custom birthday cakes, wedding cakes and assorted cookie platters that need to be ordered in advance, according to Junior's website, [www.juniorsvt.com](http://www.juniorsvt.com).

Despite its size, this little restaurant has a lot to offer, providing one with a delicious meal and the perfect dose of classic Italian pizzeria atmosphere. It is definitely a restaurant to keep on the pizza-lover's list of places to revisit.

## View from above

### Olympics shine light on Tibetan conflict

China is getting its 15 minutes of fame. However, it's not the attention it wants. After having been granted the coming Olympics, it has brought notice to itself and its human rights violations.



Justin Lane

The country's ugly skeleton in the closet is its cultural and corporeal genocide of the Tibetan people, because they feel that Tibet's religious tradition is a threat to the Chinese way of life.

This genocide started over 50 years ago and, according to National Geographic, the Chinese regime has killed over 30,000,000 people; more than the Stalin raids and the Nazi Holocaust combined. At least 1.5 million of these deaths have been Tibetans.

Since the hostile takeover in the early 1950s, the government has kept tight restrictions on what Tibetan Buddhists can and can't do. According to [www.savetibet.org](http://www.savetibet.org), one of the things they can't do is have any contact whatsoever with their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

The Dalai Lama has been threatened with death if he steps foot on Chinese soil. Even possessing a picture of him can result in imprisonment, torture or death. Tibetans are watched in their monasteries and temples to make sure they say the appropriate prayers and cannot mention the Dalai Lama.

Why is it that in these days there are still countries where religious practice is punishable by death? Even more so, why doesn't our government (the "democratic liberators" of the world) do anything about it?

This debate boils down to two opposing sides, religious freedom versus economics. Sadly, money has become more important than our American values.

If the U.S. calls for China to give religious freedom to Tibet, it will hinder our economic ties to the country, and, with a multibillion-dollar trade deficit, we won't let that happen.

This begs the question: how much is freedom worth? Well, if it's American freedom, it's worth over 4,000 lives. Why, then, is Tibetan freedom worthless?

For the past 50 years we have done basically nothing as a country. However, as a beacon of hope, we are doing something as a people.

The Olympics have been protested by the entire world and the torch relay has been disrupted in every city to which it has gone. The torch has been snuffed out many times along the way, all in the name of life, liberty and the pursuit of freedom.

However, the Tibetan debate is not centered on independence for a nation; it's simply about freedom for a people.

All three times that I've been in the presence of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, he said that Tibet can remain a part of China, it just needs the freedom to practice its religion and culture.

While there is more interest in Tibetan freedom than ever before, the most powerful people in the world sit by and support China, as they burn Tibet with the Olympic torch.

## Here for your viewing pleasure

### Where to watch movies on a college budget

By JOHN MCMILLIN

Senior Staff Writer

#### The Roxy Cinema

Why don't people go to the movies anymore?

Films viewed on the silver screen are insurmountably better than on a dinky television screen and there's nothing like the collective experience of going to see a film where everyone hates it or loves it.

The Roxy offers quality films for just \$5 before 6 p.m. and \$7 thereafter. Cinema is a spectacle, so go and appreciate it in its complete glory.

#### Bittorrents

Do you already know about

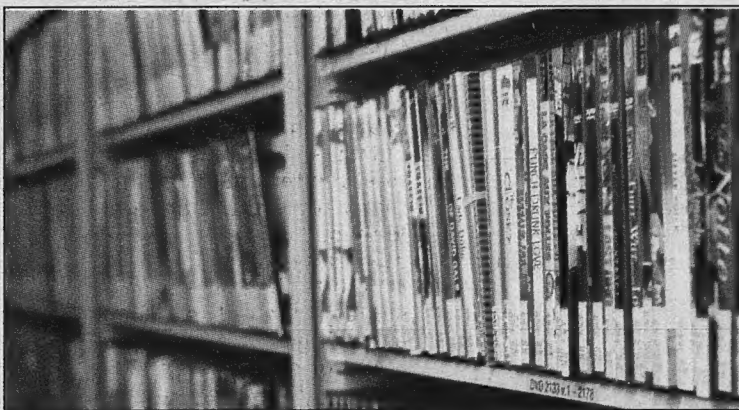
these magical little applications?

With bittorrents you can download music, movies, TV shows and computer games FOR FREE! Just google it to find out how use them, and go to [Torrentz.com](http://Torrentz.com) to find them. However, be warned, our school's computer network has busted students for using these.

#### Internet Web sites

You've probably heard of TV Links, the godfather of sites of this ilk. TV Links' owner David Rock's arrest last year did little to stop a myriad of other sites that host movies, TV shows and cartoons going pro bono.

Now these sites are a dime a dozen. "Everyone downloads illegally," said sixth-year se-



(Josh Lee/Vermont Cynic)

The media center located in the Bailey-Howe library houses over 5,000 DVDs.

nior Brett Burk. "Yesterday my class watched an episode of 'South Park' illegally through a Web page."

The sites [www.wuzzu.com](http://www.wuzzu.com), and [www.videolemon.com](http://www.videolemon.com) will get you started.

#### The school library

In the depths of the school library basement lies a group of movie nerds whom like nothing more than to give you movies for free. The library has over 5,000 DVDs and over

5,000 VHS — there're even a few laser discs thrown in there for flavor.

Media Specialist Lori Holliff said, "the library is a wonderful resource; one of the best collections in the state, if not the best."

If you've got a couple hours between classes and don't want to head all the way back to the dorms, you can always watch a flick at the library. Watch out for the \$5 late fees!



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# Keeping UV Groovy

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